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Presidential Address.

VENERABLE AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BROTHERS IN THE LORD: —

I should like to recommend as a motto for this convention a word of Luther, namely: "The Christian is a restless spirit whilst serenely at rest."

Permit me to enlarge a few moments on this word of the Reformer and to apply it to the work of our convention.

Mankind longs for rest. Especially since the World War representatives of nearly all nations have repeatedly met in conference to devise measures for bringing rest to a weary world. The two great political conventions meeting in Chicago these days will also discuss this problem.

Now, of course, all these congresses and conventions are concerned only with a rest of purely mundane character. And truly, also such rest is precious and desirable. Our Savior teaches us to pray for it in the Fourth Petition. When such rest and tranquillity is absent in a land, business and commerce are paralyzed, the highways are unsafe, and uprisings and bloodshed are constant possibilities. But when rest and tranquillity are spread abroad, business and commerce, arts and sciences, flourish, and prosperity pours out its bounties on every hand. To illustrate this, we may point to the experience of Israel in the days of Solomon. We read 1 Kings 4, 24. 25: "Solomon had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river; and he had peace on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon."

Earthly rest, however, is not the highest kind of rest. The sublimest rest has its abode in human hearts and consists in this, that a man has a good conscience before his God and stands in right relation to Him. The universality of religion is a testimony to man's restlessness in this regard. Religion aims to bring man this rest. But every religion except the Christian religion fails most miserably of achieving this aim. The non-Christian religions can only increase man's restlessness despite all their efforts and often strenuous labors to set man's evil conscience at rest. Only One is able to procure for man this greatest boon, our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the universal Savior, who has "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross," who by His blood purges our conscience and substitutes a good conscience for an evil conscience. No one besides our Savior could therefore issue that great invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Hence

everybody who comes to Jesus and accepts Him as his God and Savior is serenely at rest. He dwells in a secure castle, a mighty, impregnable fortress, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keeps his heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Nothing that is external to him can either decrease or increase his serenity of soul. Herein he already has the beginning of eternal life.

We, dear brethren, are members of the Lutheran Church. This Church has the genuine proclamation of Christ's rest and through the means of grace offers this rest as a free gift of grace to restless souls. God grant that we all who are assembled here are possessors of this rest. What a glorious convention if this is the case! This rest in the Lord which controls our spirits will be reflected in our deliberations, our discussions, our resolutions. All will be oriented in the heavenly riches which we possess in Christ, in the peace which Christ has made for us through the blood of His cross.

True as it is, on the one hand, that the Christian is a spirit serenely at rest, this does not imply, on the other hand, that Christianity makes a man inactive and indolent. On the contrary, as Luther says, "the Christian is a restless spirit serenely at rest." Let us hear how Luther himself explains this. He says: "When a Christian begins to know Christ as His Lord and Savior, who has freed him from the yoke which was upon him and has brought him into His own kingdom and inheritance, his heart is filled with the divine impulse to make every one else share his bliss. The treasure he has in Christ is his supreme delight; but he cannot keep it for himself, he must publish this joy to all the world and extol it, teaching, admonishing, begging, and beseeching others to find the same grace. He is thus a restless spirit whilst serenely at rest. He cannot idly hold his peace if he possesses God's grace and peace. No, he is moved to restless activity, recognizing that the one purpose of his life is to lead others to glorify and praise his God."

Here Luther shows that the rest of soul which Christ brings has the nature to make the Christian, in a certain sense, a restless spirit, restless, namely, in the consuming desire to lead all men to the rest which he himself enjoys and in the ceaseless bending of every effort to attain this goal. Indeed, he who has not yet found Christ's rest, but is still in doubt as to his soul's salvation neither has the ability to preach the Gospel to others, nor can he take pleasure in doing this. He, however, who in Christ has found rest unto his soul has a burning passion to make also all those sharers of this rest who are still living in restlessness and anguish of heart.

Oh, that our synodical convention might thus be restless while serenely at rest! As you see, brethren, from the printed book of *Reports and Memorials*, very much business lies before us. The outstanding business concerns missions, Christian education, and the

welfare of our colleges and seminaries. Some attention must also be given to the problem of finances. Now, all this business stands in direct relation to our great Christian desire to bring Christ's rest to a sin-weary world. It is true that the present economic conditions throughout the world may induce us, if we do not keep our vision clear, to curtail our church activities. No doubt money is more scarce than in previous years. All the more must we keep before us the lesson of history: first, that, the more evil the days, the greater is our prospect of success in our Christian work; and secondly, that, when children of God are eager to promote their Savior's glory, the Lord supplies the necessary means and blesses them.

We pray that in these days of our convention the Holy Spirit may above all let us taste and experience the sublime rest of Christ, and may He in this experience keep us safe from follies and enkindle in us that blessed restlessness of spirit which impels us to apply every ounce of consecrated energy to the task of bringing to our fellow-men that greatest blessing of God, Christ's gift of rest for weary souls.

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our true home has brought us.

Lord, have mercy!

Thou sweetest Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with every brother.

Lord, have mercy! Amen.

Report of President.

It will not be necessary to make a detailed report of Synod's work in the last three years. The book of reports which you have in your hands gives complete information on the work of Synod in this triennium and of the present status of our work. Depression has left its mark also upon us, affecting all branches of our activity and reminding us that we have here no continuing city, but seek that one which is to come, and that the time of grace is nearing to its close.

The book of *Reports and Memorials* likewise informs you of the large volume of business which must be dispatched in these days of our convention. I have assigned the memorials to committees for deliberation previous to presentation before the convention. May the Lord grant these committees wisdom and light!

Three years ago we were happy to have Dr. Pieper with us. He edified our souls by his glorious lectures on "The Open Heaven,"

which he himself has now entered. I have requested his successor, Dr. L. Fuerbringer, to present to us a number of lectures on "The Holy Scriptures as the Norm and Rule of Faith." Dr. J. Fritz will deliver some lectures on "Unionism."

I have nothing of an unusual character to report about my own work. I have visited District conventions and our synodical institutions. I have attended meetings of all sorts and have conducted a large correspondence. The Vice-Presidents have ably supported me, especially in the matter of visiting synods and institutions. At some synods the presidential office was again represented by professors.

Addressing ourselves now to our business, we will lift up our eyes to the hills whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

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	Voting			Auditory			Voting			Auditory						
	Pastors	Lay Delegates	Totals	Presidents	Professors	Teachers	Members of Syn. Boards	Totals	Pastors	Lay Delegates	Totals	Pastors				
1. Alberta and British Columbia...	1	1	2	1	—	2	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	
2. Argentine *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Atlantic	14	14	28	1	—	2	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	
4. Brazil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. California and Nevada	4	2	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
6. Central	23	23	46	1	—	1	12	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	1	
7. Central Illinois	11	10	21	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	
8. Colorado	2	2	4	1	—	2	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	
9. Eastern	14	14	28	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
10. English	16	16	32	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
11. Iowa	19	17	36	1	—	3	4	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	3	
12. Kansas	11	12	23	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	
13. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	4	3	7	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14. Michigan	18	18	36	1	—	3	9	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	3	
15. Minnesota	22	22	44	1	—	1	5	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	
16. North Dakota and Montana	8	7	15	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	
17. Northern Illinois	20	20	40	1	—	4	15	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	1	
18. Northern Nebraska	9	8	17	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19. North Wisconsin	13	13	26	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20. Oklahoma	4	3	7	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	
21. Ontario	3	3	6	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22. Oregon and Washington	2	2	4	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	
23. South Dakota	6	6	12	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	
24. Southern	3	2	5	1	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25. Southern California	4	4	8	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26. Southern Illinois	8	6	14	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	
27. Southern Nebraska	11	11	22	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	
28. South Wisconsin	15	15	30	1	—	2	5	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	2	
29. Texas	5	6	11	1	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	
30. Western	25	24	49	1	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	205	285	580	27	48	35	82	59	144	5	16	21	2	5	7	35

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The Book of *Reports and Memorials* contained 107 memorials. Besides these, 101 unprinted memorials were submitted. In due time the President appointed committees from the register of Synod to consider these reports and memorials and to bring in their recommendations and resolutions to Synod. The *personnel* of these committees and their work was published in the official church-papers. Necessary changes and additions were made at the opening of the convention. The revised list is published below. For the Committees on Appeals Synod itself elected a Nominating Committee, consisting of the following delegates: Pastors F. P. Wilhelm and E. L. Witte; lay delegates Dr. L. G. W. Fischer of Missouri and Mr. Arthur Littmann of Sheboygan; Teacher E. Brommer of California.

Committees and Their Work.

(Numbers over 100 refer to printed, numbers under 100 to unprinted memorials.)

Committee 1: Institutions. Reports and Memorials 101—138. 601 B, 2. 3. 9. 12. 606. 607. 615. 207 B. 1—45. 74, 77, 81 (Gold States Conference; Central Park Region Conference Mission; Twin City Conference). Survey Report. Against Closing Springfield: 60, 63, 65, 71, 72, 93, 95, 96 (congregations at Mount Pulaski, Ill.; The Grove, Tex.; Chatham, Ill.; Smithville, Tex.; Trinity Hill, Tex.; Mr. Hentschel, Denver; Emmanuel Congregation, Jefferson City, Mo.; Alumni of Springfield in Nebraska). 61, Administration Building at Concordia, Mo. (S. E. Mo. Pastoral Conf.). 62, Selling Part of Campus in St. Louis (Bethlehem, Detroit). 64, Against Closing Portland (Educ. Soc. of Pac. N. W.). 84, Senior College (Faculty and Board of St. Louis Seminary). 94, Protest against Reducing Salaries (Board of Springfield). 99, Report of National Lutheran Education Association (Rev. Becker). — All District Presidents. The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Directors. Pastors: Wegener (South.), Dorpat (N. Dak.-Mont.), Karpinsky (N. Wis.), Kothe (S. Ill.), Storm (Ont.), Kabelitz (Iowa). Teachers: Grueber (Mich.), Merz (N. Nebr.). Lay delegates: Winkelman (Cal.-Nev.), Weidman (Engl.), Kendal (Man.-Sask.), Woltmann (S. Ill.), Oehlert (Colo.). Advisory member: Treasurer of Synod. Chairman: President Grueber.

Committee 2: Credentials and Registration. Pastors: Plass and Bleeke. Teacher Ebert. Lay delegates Boedecker and Schimmel. (All from S. Wis.)

Committee 3: Nominations. Committee appointed by a synodical committee. — Pastors: Kretzschmar (Colo.), Janzow (Alta.-B. C.), Stuebe (Cent. Ill.), Homan (N. Nebr.), Otte (Okla.), G. Theiss (S. Cal.), Matthius (Cent.). Teachers: Roehl (S. Ill.), Hopmann (S. Nebr.), Buescher (Oreg.-Wash.). Lay delegates: Detzlaff (N. Dak.-Mont.), Schneider (East.), Holtmann (South.), Schendel (Man.-Sask.).

Committee 4: Elections. Pastor W. J. Kowert (N. Ill.).

Committee 5: Appropriations. Presidents: Daib, Schinnerer. Pastor: Brueggemann. Professor: F. H. Schmitt. Lay delegates: A. H. Ahlbrand, Theo. W. Eckhart, H. Wahlers.

Committee 6: Christian Education. 201—203. 205. 206. 601 B, 7. 58. 82, Christian Education (Milwaukee Teachers' Conf.). — Pastors: Bischoff (Cent.), Kramer (Minn.), Knorr (Mich.), Hennig (East.). Professors:

Theo. Graebner, Rusch. Teachers: Garske (N. Ill.), Lindoerfer (Cent. Ill.), Baxmann (N. Wis.). Lay delegates: Kuechle (S. Wis.), J. Ameiss (West.), G. H. Osthoff (Tex.).

Committee 7: Juvenile Work. 403. 70, Boy Scouts (Fox and Rock River Valley, Ill., Teachers' Conf.). 87, Boy Scouts (Puget Sound Pastoral Conf.).—Pastors: R. Meyer (West.), Stueckler (South.), Kohn (Minn.), Aug. Brunn (Atl.). Professor: Polack. Teachers: Pflughoeft (S. Nebr.), Hoffmeyer (Cent.). Lay delegates: Theiss (S. Dak.), Freie (Iowa), Schumacker (S. Wis.), Gallmann (East.).

Committee 8: General Committee on Missions. 311. 312. 601 A, 7—9. 601 B, 4—6. 608. 609.—Pastors: Streufert (N. Ill.), Nachtsheim (Minn.), Jahn (West.). Teacher: Droegemueller (Kans.). Lay delegates: List (Mich.), Germann (Atl.), Abend (Engl.).

Committee 9: Home Missions in North America and Church Extension Fund. 301—303.—Pastors: Noack (N. Ill.), Birkner (Cent.), Kirchner (Cal.-Nev.), Kriesel (Man.-Sask.), J. G. Nuechterlein (Mich.). Professor: Stuttmann. Teachers: Pflueger (East.), Greinke (Iowa). Lay delegates: Buettner (S. Cal.), Kemp (Atl.), Feder (Cent. Ill.), Drees (West.).

Committee 10: Missions in South America. 304. 616. 78, Church Policy (Pastors Dicke and Schwandt). 80, Kapelle in Rio de Janeiro.—Pastors: Burgdorf (N. Ill.), K. Karstensen (Kans.), Barkow (East.), Rubbert (N. Dak.-Mont.), Schulz (S. Ill.). Professor: Neitzel. Teachers: Hahn (Mich.), Prokopy (Atl.). Lay delegates: Praeuner (N. Nebr.), Koebernick (S. Wis.), Krieg (Minn.), Schmidt (Oreg.-Wash.). Advisory member: Pastor Kramer, Argentina.

Committee 11: Deaf-Mute, Blind, and Jewish Missions. 308. x. Deaf and Blind Mission Board Report.—Pastors: Niermann (West.), Reinke (N. Ill.), Miessler (Kans.), Scheips (N. Nebr.). Teacher: E. Homeier. Lay delegates: Barthel (Iowa), Dornfeld (Minn.), Ortner (Mich.).

Committee 12: Foreign-Tongue, Indian, and Negro Mission. 306. 89, Report of Board for Foreign-tongue Missions.—Pastors: Gade (N. Ill.), Rische (Tex.), Klinkenberg (N. Wis.), Schaus (Oreg.-Wash.). Professor: F. Mayer. Teacher: Wagner (S. Dak.). Lay delegates: Sitz (Tex.), Huse (Minn.), Hoefs (N. Dak.-Mont.), Koltermann (S. Nebr.).

Committee 13: Foreign Missions. 309. 313. 46—52. 98, *Theological Monthly* (Rev. Melcher et al.).—Pastors: Eggers (S. Wis.), Friedrich (Minn.), M. H. Mueller (Iowa), Dorn (N. Nebr.). Professor: Krueger. Teachers: Knuth (Cent. Ill.), Rewinkel (Colo.). Lay delegates: L. Meyer (N. Ill.), Berning (Cent.), Foshag (N. Dak.-Mont.), Muller (Engl.).

Committee 14: Missions in Europe; Immigrant and Seamen's Missions. 305. 307. 310. 69, Report of the Board for Seamen's Mission. 73, Report of the Immigrant Mission Board.—Pastors: Piehler (N. Ill.), Oppliger (West.), Wiltenburg (Atl.), Schwab (Man.-Sask.). Teacher: Schaus (Minn.). Lay delegates: Albrecht (S. Nebr.), Guericke (S. Dak.), Bodenstab (Cent.), Schauer (N. Dak.-Mont.).

Committee 15: Constitutional Matters. 204. 401. 402. 407—414. 601 B, 10. 53. 54. 67 (Division of Iowa District). 86 (Pastors and Teachers Waiting for a Call—New Orleans Pastoral Conf.).—Pastors: Gesch (S. Ill.), Kretzmann (Atl.), Horstmann (Cent. Ill.), Troeger (S. Cal.). Professors: Link, Hemmeter. Teachers: Eilers (N. Ill.), Beiderwieden (Cent.). Lay delegates: Kierschner (Engl.), Muniz (South.), Kohlhoff (N. Wis.).

Committee 16: Lodges. 404—406. 88, Lodge Question (Kansas City Pastoral Conf.).—Pastors: Schulz (S. Wis.), Hertwig (Mich.), Schmooch (S. Cal.), Krueger (East.), Dommer (S. Dak.). Professors: Mueller, Brommer. Teacher: Nimmer (N. Ill.). Lay delegates: Falkenhainer (Iowa), Kuester (Engl.), Moellering (Cent.), Meyerhoff (Kans.).

Committee 17: Publications. 501—513. 90, *Stoeckhardt-Kommentar, Joh.-Ev.* (Chicago Heights Pastoral Conf.). — Pastors: Pieper (Cent.), Wilhelm (Atl.), Kaiser (Kans.), Guettler (N. Nebr.). Professors: Kretzmann, Kohn. Teachers: Koester (N. Dak.-Mont.), Bickel (Mich.). Lay delegates: H. Witte (Cal.-Nev.), Honigschmidt (Minn.), Doerr (N. Nebr.), Geo. Harms (Cent. Ill.), Berkoben (East.).

Committee 18: Finances. 601 B, 1. 11. 602—604. 610. 617. 75, On Treasurer's Report (Colorado Dist.). — Pastors: Frese (Okla.), Eckhardt (Engl.), Felten (Cal.-Nev.), Steger (Iowa), Berner (Mich.). Professor: Rippe. Teachers: Schumann (N. Ill.), Traugott (Kans.). Lay delegates: Overbeck (Atl.), Brandt (Cent.), Zahrandt (West.), Just (Minn.), Engel (Oreg.-Wash.).

Committee 19: Support. 601 B, 8. 605. 611—614. 79, Pension System (Atlantic Dist.). — Pastors: Lang (Cent. Ill.), Kohlmeier (Cent.), Schleede (Atl.). Professor: Lobeck. Teachers: Hillman (West.), Brommer (Cal.-Nev.). Lay delegates: Lange (N. Ill.), Witte (East.), Kraushaar (Engl.), Brammer (Iowa), Goebel (Kans.), Sievert (Minn.).

Committee 20: Intersynodical Matters; Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod. 55. 56. 85, On Brief Statement of Doctrinal Position (Pastoral Conference, New Orleans). — Pastors: Pfothenhauer (N. Ill.), Luessenhop (Colo.), Beck (Minn.), Hohenstein (Cent. Ill.), Maas (Iowa). Professors: Laetsch, Klein, M. Graebner. Teachers: K. E. Dube (Tex.), Richert (Mich.). Lay delegates: Dorpat (N. Wis.), Hillger (East.).

Committee 21: Applications for Membership. Constitution, St. Paul's Congr., Williamsburg, Iowa. — Pastors: Schabacker (S. Nebr.), Bruer (Ont.). Teachers: Gerdes (Okla.), B. C. Meyer (N. Wis.). Lay delegates: Dabelstein (N. Ill.), Fleischer (Cent.).

Committee 22 A: Appeals. 59, Mr. E. F. A. Riess. 83, Rosebrock Case. 97, Rev. Duchow. — Pastors: Prof. Wm. Kruse (Cent.), Gerdes (N. Nebr.). Teacher: T. L. Wegmann (Cent.). Lay delegates: Schaffer (East.), Lembke (N. Ill.).

Committee 22 B: Appeals. 66, Park Ridge, Ill. 68, Crete, Ill. 101, Mr. Priehs, St. Andrew's Congr. — Professor: R. Heintze (West.). Pastor: R. W. Huebsch (East.). Teacher: H. Osieck (West.). Lay delegates: K. Kaufmann (East.), W. C. Krahn (N. Wis.).

Committee 22 C: Appeals. 91, Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe. 92, Highland Park Luth. Church. 100, Former officers of Redeemer Church, Fort Wayne. — Professor: E. J. Friedrich (West.). Pastor: F. W. Janzow (Minn.). Teacher: A. Maurer (S. Ill.). Lay delegates: H. Berning (Cent.), L. H. Oehlert (Colo.).

Committee 23: Press Committee. 701. 702. — Pastors: Wisler (West.), Luecke (Tex.), Kohn (N. Ill.), Doege (East.). Professors: Burhop, Rehwinkel. Teachers: Beinke (S. Ill.), Wendt (Minn.). Lay delegates: Zeidler (Atl.), Fiess (Cent.), Fremder (Iowa), Guenther (Mich.).

Committee 24: Miscellaneous; Committee on Resolutions. 703—705. 57. 76, Housing of Synod. (Colorado Dist.). — Pastors: Miller (Cent.), Hunsucker (Engl.), Harting (West.), Rueger (East.), Brauer (N. Ill.). Professor: Schwermann. Teachers: Wiegmann (S. Cal.), Lueders (Iowa). Lay delegates: Wessler (Cent. Ill.), Prescher (Tex.), Ulrich (S. Wis.), Rietz (S. Nebr.), H. Frank (Mich.).

Committee 25: Excuses. — Pastors: Degner (S. Nebr.), Claus (Cent.), Brockmann (Oreg.-Wash.). Teachers: Bruening (S. Wis.), Insinger (West.). Lay delegates: Jagow (Cent. Ill.), Seegers (N. Ill.), F. C. von Schlichten (Atl.).

New Members Received into Synod.

I. Congregations (on recommendation of Committee 21):—

1. Holy Trinity Ev. Luth. Congregation, New Brookland, S. C., into the English District.
2. St. Andrew's Ev. Luth. Congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., into the English District (whose standing committee had examined the constitution).
3. St. Matthew's Ev. Luth. Congregation, Marion, S. C. (application referred to English District, since the constitution was not submitted).
4. Mount Olive English Ev. Luth. Congregation, Norfolk, Nebr., into the English District, with the note: No provisions were made for election of church officers in this constitution. A paragraph governing the method of electing church officers was recommended.

The English translation of the constitution of St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Congregation of Williamsburg, Iowa, was submitted and its use authorized.

II. Pastors and Teachers (on recommendation of the respective District Presidents):—

Central. Pastor: Candidate L. C. Wunderlich (St. Louis), Indianapolis, Ind. — *Teachers:* Candidates E. A. Luebke (Seward), Farmers Retreat, Ind., and R. O. Schmidt (Seward), Fort Wayne, Ind.

English. Pastors: Fred Lineberger, Lexington Co., S. C.; Paul A. Boriack, Marion, N. C. Candidates Roland C. Bosse, New Brookland, S. C.; J. Floyd Dreith (St. Louis), San Diego, Cal.

Minnesota. Pastors: Norman Seebach, Northfield, Minn.; Adolph T. Koehler, China; Carl S. Meyer, Rochester, Minn.; Luther F. Miller, Columbia Heights, Minn. Candidates Herbert F. Bohlmann (Springfield); Raymond C. Eckhardt (River Forest), Rushford, Minn.

Northern Illinois. Teacher: Candidate H. J. Gehrke (River Forest), Chicago, Ill.

South Wisconsin. Pastors: Candidate E. Jehn (St. Louis), missionary at large. — *Teachers:* Candidate N. Nero (River Forest), China; V. Waldschmidt (River Forest), Whitefish Bay, Wis.; H. Albers (River Forest), Milwaukee, Wis.; E. Holtzen (River Forest), Milwaukee, Wis.; Geo. Pingel (River Forest), Milwaukee, Wis.; F. Tetting (River Forest), Sheboygan, Wis.

I. SEMINARIES AND COLLEGES.

A. Action on Reports of Boards of Control.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

(Memorial 101.)

These last three years, since the convention at River Forest in 1929, have been weighed down with many and varied events in the history of Concordia Seminary. The enrolment at the institution has been so large that the problem of housing the student-body has become extremely vexing. The dormitories can accommodate 390 students, but we were forced to make room for as high as 448. The enrolments during the past three years were as follows:—

Year	Enrolled	Present	Absent	Vicaring	Postgraduates
1929-30	509	393	13	90	11
1930-31	534	432	21	76	9
1931-32	531	448	22	61	—

The enrolments of the past three years have been the largest in the history of our Seminary. The reports coming from our colleges show that the class which will enter the Seminary this fall will be as large as those of the three last years; moreover, the reports show that also the classes following for the next two and three years will not be any smaller.

During the last triennium the Lord has called home to Himself the president of the institution, Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., who was privileged by the grace of God to teach at the Seminary more than fifty years and to be its president for forty years. The institution has sustained a great loss through the death of this venerable servant of the Lord, who has been one of the outstanding men of the Church for more than two generations. The greater part of the ministry of our Synod has received its theological training through this eminent man of God. The death of Dr. F. Pieper occurred during the graduating days of the class of 1931, June 3. Memorial services were held at said time and again in September, upon the return of the student-body. Dr. Pieper was able to teach until March, 1931, when an operation which he had undergone made it necessary for him to relinquish his classes. However, to the very end he took a keen interest in the welfare of the institution as well as in the Church at large and above all time and again expressed his personal childlike faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Redeemer. Outstanding among his works are the three volumes of *Christliche Dogmatik*.

Another instructor of the Seminary died during the past triennium, Prof. F. Bente, D. D. He likewise served the Seminary and the Church at large unstintingly with his unusual gifts. At the side

of Dr. Pieper he defended the truth as confessed in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Church. His monumental work *Concordia Triglotta*, or *Triglot Concordia*, is a lasting memorial to the splendid service he has rendered to the Church. Professor Bente died December 15, 1930.

The third death was that of Prof. G. Mezger, D. D., who was called home on November 3, 1931, at Berlin, Germany, where he was a member of the faculty of the Seminary of the German Free Church located at Berlin-Zehlendorf, at the same time acting as our representative in Europe. Prior to this transfer to the seminary in Europe he was for many years instructor at our Seminary.

These three men have rendered Concordia Seminary such outstanding service that Synod should in some way take cognizance of their death in the form of a memorial service or by resolutions to be placed in the minutes of the coming convention.

Because of the death of Dr. Pieper a new president had to be chosen, and the Electoral College chose, and the Board of Control called, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D., who has served the institution as teacher for thirty-eight years. Dr. L. Fuerbringer has accepted the presidency and is now faithfully discharging the duties of this important office.

Two new professors joined the Faculty during the past triennium, Professors E. J. Friedrich and T. Hoyer. The vacancy created through the death of Dr. F. Pieper has up to the present time not been filled.

Also a number of students died during the past three years: Gerhard Hinck of Great Bend, N. Dak., R. Wolff of Cambridge, Wis., and R. Zwintscher of Plato, Minn., during the school-year 1929—30, and Alfred Discher of Wall Lake, Iowa, Charles Eckert of Alsace, France, and Earling Teigen of Princeton, Minn., during 1930—31. The Board of Control extended the families sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and in each instance the student-body, together with the Faculty, held memorial services.

The greater part of the student-body enjoyed excellent health during the three years. The Christian and the Lutheran character of the institution likewise has been preserved. The Faculty has applied itself very faithfully to its class-work and its editorial work, so that all classes received their instructions regularly and all periodicals appeared on time.

Prof. Martin Sommer was absent from the institution for one semester. The Foreign Mission Board had asked him to visit the mission-fields in India together with Pastor H. M. Zorn. At the direction of the Board of Directors of Synod his salary was paid during his absence by the Board of Control.

The Postgraduate Department was closed during the school-year 1931—32 because of the small number who had enrolled.

The Correspondence Course continued throughout the past triennium under the direction of Prof. P. Kretzmann, Ph. D., D. D. This department has an enrolment of 256.

Three new professors' residences were erected on the Seminary grounds in 1931 to provide housing for Professors T. Laetsch, E. J. Friedrich, and T. Hoyer. These three residences were completed at the cost of \$42,000.

Since 1929 a summer-school has been conducted at the Seminary for pastors and in 1931 also for teachers. The enrolment each year was about 75.

Because Synod does not provide for the care of the grounds, a Patrons' Association was formed in 1930, which is interested in beautifying the grounds of Concordia Seminary. This organization contributed \$1,150 the first year toward the beautifying of the grounds. The annual membership dues for individuals, congregations, and societies are \$10.

The baseball grounds and the tennis and horseshoe courts have offered the only recreation for the student-body.

During the past triennium KFUE has continued to broadcast daily. A crystal control panel was added to the equipment at the cost of \$7,500. An additional report on KFUE is appended by the Radio Director, Pastor H. H. Hohenstein.

The Board of Control has held regular meetings every month and a number of special meetings. Besides meetings of the entire Board smaller committees, such as the House, the Grounds, and the Educational Committee, met regularly to discuss the problems before them. A number of meetings were held by the Board of Control together with the Faculty of the Seminary.

Request.

The Board of Control requests Synod to help solve the serious problem of housing the increasingly large number of students. During the past school-year the dormitories were made to house sixty more students than the buildings were intended to care for. This was done by installing double-deck beds; thus three students were put into rooms that were arranged for only two. However, the number of rooms into which three can be crowded is limited. According to all indications the number of students will not decrease during the next years. The Board believes that the renting of houses in the neighborhood of the Seminary ought not to be considered; first, because it will be difficult to get such housing quarters in the neighborhood of the Seminary; secondly, because renting houses there would be very expensive; and thirdly, because such an arrangement would be very unsatisfactory, as there would be no way of maintaining discipline. The erection of a temporary building, for which Synod made an appropriation of \$20,000 three years ago, does not seem to your Board

to be a solution to the housing problem. A temporary building to accommodate at least 75 students — that would be the minimum requirement — could hardly be erected for \$20,000, including installation of a heating apparatus, lavatories, sewer connections, etc. After all, it would only be a makeshift for a short time, and in the opinion of your Board the money spent in this manner would be wasted. We must leave it to Synod, which declined our request at the last convention for more room in the dormitories and in the dining-hall, to find a proper solution to this very vexing problem.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA SEMINARY.

ALFRED DOERFFLER, *Secretary.*

Action.

Relative to the death of three St. Louis professors, Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger, Committee 24 brought in the following *resolutions*, which were *adopted*: —

WHEREAS, Within the past triennium God in His wisdom called home three former members of our theological faculty in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, These men have rendered outstanding service both to Concordia Seminary and to the Church at large; therefore be it

Resolved, That with gratitude to God we acknowledge in this manner the preeminent services in the Church of Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger; and be it further

Resolved, That we ask Dr. Fuerbringer at this time to give a brief review of the life and service of Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention, in grateful recognition of the work of these eminent servants of the Church, rise to a minute of silent prayer.

Regarding the *problem of housing the students at St. Louis*, Committee 1 brought in the following *resolutions*, which were *adopted* by Synod: —

WHEREAS, It obviously is impossible to house the large number of students who would be in attendance at the St. Louis Seminary this fall; and

WHEREAS, It seems difficult to absorb all our theological graduates at this time; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod to adopt the following as an emergency measure: —

1. That the students who have completed their second-year course in June of the current year do not return to the institution for one year, remaining, however, under the general supervision of the faculty;

2. That the Board of Control and the faculty of the Seminary jointly with the Board of Directors and the College of Presidents determine the continuance of this measure until the next meeting of Synod if conditions demand this.

Unprinted Memorial 62 recommended to sell part of the grounds of Concordia Seminary at St. Louis. Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod resolved not to sell any portion of the grounds of Concordia Seminary.

Pursuant to an unprinted memorial submitted by the faculty and the Board of Control of the St. Louis Seminary, Synod resolved to consider it a rule that all students are to do supply-work as vicars after the second year at the Seminary.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

(Memorial 102.)

The local board of your college and theological seminary at Springfield, Ill., begs leave to submit the following report and statement of the needs and requirements at the institution.

We have again been permitted to enjoy our heavenly Father's grace and blessing in full measure during the past three years, and last year we were able to look back over eighty-five years of blessed service in preparing young men for the holy ministry in our beloved Church.

The Lord has been gracious to us. He has preserved us from calamities; He has guarded, guided, and blessed professors and students, so that the work at our institution could proceed without interruption. And although the lack of proper facilities created an additional burden for an already overtaxed teaching force and handicapped the students, we rejoice to say that there was no lowering of the standard of scholarship.

Prof. O. P. Kretzmann was granted a leave of absence during the past year to attend Johns Hopkins University. In his absence Student M. Grumm, a graduate of the St. Louis seminary, assisted in taking care of the branches taught by Professor Kretzmann.

The enrolment during the past triennium was as follows:—

1929—1930: Missouri Synod	172	} 188
Other synods	16	
1930—1931: Missouri Synod	159	} 172
Other synods	13	
1931—1932: Missouri Synod	165	} 169
Other synods	14	

Since the last meeting of Synod the historic old building known as the *Kaffeemuehle* is no more. The building, having already housed two other colleges previously to the time it was taken over by Synod fifty-six years ago, had become a positive menace, and the Board of Directors concurred in the opinion of the local board that the building should be razed. (Synod realized \$250 from the wrecking of the building.)

This building had housed the library, and it became necessary to remodel one of the frame buildings to take care of the library until the much-needed Administration Building could be erected.

Another triennium has passed, and the Administration Building, repeatedly granted by Synod, has not yet become a reality. We understand the difficulties confronting Synod which interfered with the erection of this building, but we trust that Synod will also realize the difficulties which the lack of this building has created for our faculty and students. We therefore hope that Synod will not only readily grant the amount requested for the Administration Building at Springfield, but will take the necessary steps to insure the immediate erection of this building.

We ask \$200,000 for the Administration Building. Individual members of Synod, in large numbers, have long ago realized the absolute need of such a building in Springfield. Synod officially recognized that need in 1926 and again in 1929 and granted \$179,000 for the building. In 1926 we had asked for the latter amount, hoping that the building would be erected in that triennium and that the next convention would grant an additional amount, sufficient to add a chapel. In 1929 we asked for \$250,000 which included the chapel, but were granted only the original amount. We are asking now for an additional amount of \$21,000 over that originally granted in 1926 so that the building, if and when it is erected, may be complete.

The resolution of the 1929 convention to spend \$10,000 on the old building, so-called Building No. 1, was for various reasons not carried out. If the Administration Building is erected, we shall find ways and means to get along with Building No. 1 at a small expense to Synod.

Your college and seminary in Springfield have never had anything remotely resembling a gymnasium. As a consequence our students have little opportunity to carry out consistently in practise the admonition implied in the proverb: *Mens sana in corpore sano*. It must be kept in mind that not all our students are mature men. Many of them are still in the formative stage as regards their physical development and therefore have need of opportunity and facilities to further their physical well-being and growth. In view of these facts we ask Synod to grant \$50,000 for the erection of a gymnasium at our Springfield Concordia.

For a number of years two of our professors have had to live at some distance from the college. This not only means that Synod was required to pay rent, but it has also made for additional difficulties as far as these professors and their work is concerned. We do not believe that Synod would willingly make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of its professors, and for that reason we are confident that it will grant the \$11,000 which we ask to erect at least one residence.

In presenting the needs of this institution of Synod to this honorable body, it is fitting to refer not only to its physical, but also, and

chiefly, to its academic needs. It ought to be easily understood that, if the standing of education in our country in general makes urgent the raising of standards and efficiency at our higher schools, this will also apply in proportionate measure to the institution at Springfield. A careful study of the situation on the part of the Springfield Faculty and your Board has convinced us that Springfield's peculiar problems could be solved in the most efficient way if an additional class were inserted on top of its present three-year preparatory course and two men were added to its teaching force. We wish it to be understood that the adding of this one class does not in itself make necessary two additional men. Yet one man alone could not do justice to the new work, and, on the other hand, the present teaching force even now ought to have some relief in order that the best results may be achieved.

We are presenting these needs of your institution to you because you have entrusted this school to our special care, and we feel that we are speaking for the best interests of our Lord's work. We can of course understand that, if for reasons of economy you cannot muster courage to raise standards in general, Springfield will also have to get along for some time longer under the present arrangement as best it can.

Summary of Requests.

Administration Building — granted 1926 and 1929 . . .	\$179,000.00
Administration Building — additional	21,000.00
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	\$200,000.00
Gymnasium	\$50,000.00
Residence	\$11,000.00
One additional year in the Proseminary Department.	
Two additional professors.	

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL
OF CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

B. SELCKE, *Secretary.*

Action.

Regarding this report, Committee 1 recommended: —

1. Your Committee recommends that Synod, on account of present economic conditions, *decline* the request for a *new Administration Building* and for a *gymnasium*.

2. Your Committee recommends that the *repair of Building No. 1* and the erection of additional *professors' dwellings* be referred to the Board of Directors.

These recommendations were *adopted*.

NOTE. — The resolutions regarding the proposal to close the Springfield Seminary or to change its status will be given under the action on the Survey Committee's report.

Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

(Memorial 103.)

The Board of Control of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., begs leave to submit to the Hon. Synod the following report together with a true statement of the needs and requirements of the college.

I. Diamond Jubilee.

When this report reaches the members of our Synod, we shall, God willing, have been privileged to observe the diamond jubilee of Concordia Teachers College. Our Concordia has been richly blessed by the Lord during the seventy-five years of its existence. From a small seed planted at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1857, a large tree has grown. Many young men have been graduated from our college and have followed the call of Jesus to feed His lambs. Many Christians envy our Synod because of our parochial-school system. They realize and feel that it is the best means of indoctrinating our youth. Our children are daily instructed in the true doctrine, and thus our schools are a wonderful means for the training of members that are well indoctrinated in our Christian faith. The blessing which thus has gone forth from our Concordia no one is able to describe adequately; but in the hereafter we shall fully realize how many souls have been saved by the seed sown by our teachers in our Christian day-schools. We are confident that on May 29 and 30 our brethren and sisters throughout our Synod have joined with us in giving thanks and praise to our Lord. May He continue to bless our River Forest Concordia and all our colleges and schools in the future as He has done in the past!

II. Board of Control.

During the past three years our Board has sustained a great loss. It pleased God to remove from our midst His faithful servant Mr. Charles H. Zuttermeister, who was untiring in the work for our institution, moved by sincere love to His Savior and His Church. May the merciful Lord grant that many may follow his fine example of unselfish love and faithful service! The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Christ. H. Garbers, member of Grace Church, River Forest.

Mr. Paul Schulze in 1931 rounded out twenty-five years as a member of the Board. We observed this event in a befitting manner, thanking God for the blessings He has bestowed upon our Concordia through His servant.

III. Faculty and Students.

No changes have occurred in the faculty. By the grace of God the president, Dr. W. C. Kohn, and all members of the faculty were blessed with health and strength to do their work, to which they applied themselves conscientiously and diligently. Professor Kaepfel will have completed fifty-one years in the service of the Church in

June, sixteen years as teacher and thirty-five years as professor of our Concordia. His fiftieth anniversary was duly observed. It may also be recorded that Prof. Alb. H. Miller and Prof. F. H. Schmitt have instructed twenty-five years at the college.

During the last triennium our institution has been privileged to instruct, train, and guide the following number of students: —

<i>Year</i>	<i>Enrolled</i>	<i>Vicaring</i>	<i>Present</i>
1929—30	346	32	314
1930—31	401	26	375
1931—32	377	30	347

The student-body conducted itself in a Christian manner. The efforts of the professors and students were richly blessed by the Lord. To Him be all glory and praise for the work performed and the Christian discipline maintained by faculty and students!

IV. Campus, Buildings, and Equipment.

Your Board has given much time and careful consideration to matters pertaining to the economical operation and up-keep of Synod's property. We gratefully acknowledge the hearty cooperation given us by the faculty and students, with the result that buildings and equipment have been kept in good condition.

The new boilers and oil-burners granted at the last convention of Synod have been installed, and they are giving full satisfaction. The operating expense for fuel has been reduced more than \$2,000 per annum, a saving of between 25 and 30 per cent. per year. Five residences have been built on the rental plan. With a slight additional cost the homes will be paid for in a period of ten years by the rent which would otherwise have been required.

V. Training-School.

The training-school is now housed at Grace Lutheran School. Thus an opportunity is given the students to teach and observe all eight grades.

VI. Requests for Appropriations.

1. Our institution has an unused balance amounting to \$1,380.24, from an appropriation made by Synod in 1929 for repairs and replacement of musical instruments at River Forest. We respectfully request that this balance be reappropriated to enable us to make the necessary larger repairs on some of our organs and pianos during the next triennium.

2. The hot-water storage tank used in connection with the hot-water heating boiler has seen eighteen years of service and during the past year has sprung a number of leaks. It may have to be replaced some time within the next year, and we would respectfully ask that an appropriation amounting to \$467 be voted to be used in the event that a new tank will have to be installed.

3. Our institution is still without roadways, although Synod appropriated the necessary funds for the building of roadways in 1926 and again in 1929. The original appropriation amounted to \$8,145.50. The work could be done at this time for \$6,300, and we respectfully ask that Synod appropriate this amount for the much-needed roadways.

4. In order that necessary library facilities may be provided, we should have \$600 with which to purchase stacks, files, and similar equipment. We shall be grateful if Synod appropriates this amount and will empower the Board of Directors to make available one-third of the total during the coming school-year.

VII. Other Matters.

For the consideration of various other important matters pertaining to Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, we respectfully call your attention to the report of the Survey Committee and various memorials.

The following items call for attention:—

1. Addition of one or two years to the course of study;
2. One or more additional instructors if the course of study is extended;
3. Arrangement of a summer course.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

ALEX ULLRICH, *Chairman.*

A. W. BARTLING, *Secretary.*

Action.

Regarding the requests in this report, Synod *resolved*, upon recommendation of Committee 1, to refer *the repairs and replacements of pipe-organs* and the *replacement of a hot-water storage tank* to the Board of Directors.

The requests for *roadways* and *library facilities* were *declined*.

Items 1 and 2 under VII were referred to the new Committee on Higher Education.

The arrangement of a *summer course* was *approved*.

Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.

(Memorial 104.)

Since the last convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States in June, 1929, at River Forest, Ill., the Lord has again graciously blessed our institution. The health of the students has been generally good. Disciplined by the Word of God, the behavior in general was that of Christian young people. A few serious offenses which occurred were dealt with in a Scriptural and evangelical manner.

The enrolment during the present triennium was as follows:—

Year	Enrolment	Vicaring	Present
1929—30	238; 55 girls	26; 10 girls	212; 45 girls
1930—31	248; 57 girls	37; 11 girls	211; 46 girls
1931—32	248; 61 girls	28; 8 girls	220; 53 girls

In 1930, 29 graduated from our institution, of whom 4 were girls; in 1931, 25, two of them girls; 1932, 32, 4 of them girls.

The Faculty worked diligently and faithfully, applying themselves to the task which Synod and the ever-growing demands and requirements have set for our institution. Prof. L. G. Bickel, called as critic teacher of the training-school, entered the Faculty September 8, 1929.

In 1931 we were privileged to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Professors Karl Haase, H. B. Fehner, and August Schuelke. This was observed May 29 with appropriate services and ceremonies.

We regret to state that we also have sustained serious losses. On November 30, 1931, a member of the Board of Control, Herman F. Kamprath, passed to his eternal rest after years of faithful and competent service. Then our genial steward, George W. Barthel, was taken from us February 3, 1932. On March 21 of this year, at the close of his day's work, Prof. August Schuelke entered his study and sat down at his desk to write a letter, seemingly in good health and in the best of spirits. The next moment he fell forward with his head resting on the desk and uttered the words, "Jesus — Savior," — and everything was over. He was at home with his Lord, whom he had confessed with his last breath.

Other changes in the Board of Control have taken place. Mr. Edward Kamprath resigned, as did also Mr. August Beckmann, because their business did not permit them to serve any longer. Mr. Fred Menze of Seward succeeded Mr. Edw. Kamprath, and D. Hy. J. Meyer is Mr. August Beckmann's successor. And when Rev. H. E. Meyer was elected President of the Southern Nebraska District, he succeeded our venerable Rev. W. Cholcher as chairman of the Board.

The cement sidewalks granted us at the last meeting of Synod have been laid.

The heat-distributing system has been installed. But upon the suggestion of an expert heating engineer the plan of construction was changed, so that it was possible to execute the work with less money.

The organs and pianos granted at the last session of Synod have been purchased.

A professor's residence has been built, which is occupied by Prof. H. O. Keinath.

St. John's School, housing the training school of Concordia Teachers College, which was being built when Synod was in session in 1929, was dedicated December 1, 1929, and is serving its purpose well.

The new dormitory which Synod granted in 1926 and for which the same sum was reappropriated in 1929 could not be built because of lack of funds. Our dormitories are filled beyond capacity; indeed, from twenty to forty beds had to be placed in the basement. Some of the students were obliged to stay there as patients when they had an attack of the "flu" because there was no room in the hospital for them. Others whose health did not permit their sleeping in the basement had to exchange places with students in the upper stories of the building. For this reason the Board of Control makes the request that Synod reappropriate the \$125,000 for a new dormitory and \$20,000 for an addition to the heating-plant.

With the consent and upon the advice of the Board of Directors a gymnasium was built on the college campus by the Southern and Northern Nebraska Districts, which was a source of great joy to the student-body. The committee appointed by both Districts of Synod gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of Christians in the Districts and especially thanks Mr. Henry Horst for his gift and the splendid assistance he gave toward making this sorely needed building possible. And at some convenient time during the convention the committee begs leave to present this building, free of all encumbrance whatsoever, to the Hon. Synod in the name of both Nebraska Districts.

Our four oldest practise pipe-organs cannot serve any longer in their present condition. However, they can be rebuilt and be made entirely modern in every respect, including new blowing outfits, for the sum of \$3,500. Four entirely *new* organs of that kind could not be purchased for less than \$10,000 and would not serve the purpose any better. As these organs belong to the equipment necessary for the work that must be done, we would ask that Synod kindly grant us the above sum and permit the work of rebuilding to be done during the coming summer months.

We feel constrained gratefully to acknowledge the fine attitude towards our college shown by our Christians in both Nebraska Districts in helping to support our commissary department by contributing vegetables, fruits, canned goods, meats, and other foods in bountiful measure.

We also are indebted to the ladies' aids in our churches for the liberal support of our college nurse.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

C. H. B. BECKER, *Secretary.*

Action.

1. Upon recommendation of Committee 1 the requests for a *new dormitory* and a *new heating-plant* were *declined*.
2. The repairs on, or rebuilding of, pipe-organs were referred to the Board of Directors.

Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Memorial 105.)

With thankful hearts we may report that the work of our institution has been carried on under God's gracious protection and guidance without any serious disturbances or interruptions. The enrolment has not been as high as in years past, but with only few exceptions our graduates have all entered the St. Louis Seminary for the study of theology. Our present enrolment is 225. We have room to house more students and would welcome an increase in the enrolment.

Our Faculty has had two changes in the last triennium. Prof. Geo. Schmidt resigned, and the former Assistant Prof. E. L. Meyer was elected and installed into office as professor in September, 1931. We have at present twelve professors and one student assistant.

We have but small requests to make for appropriations. We are asking only for what we think absolutely necessary.

Many of the bottom rails of the iron fence enclosing our campus are rusted out and must be replaced to preserve the fence. 100 rails are necessary for this. The cost of the rails is \$250 and the cost of labor to replace them also \$250, making a total of \$500 for this item.

The center drive from Maumee Avenue is only 12 feet wide. That is too narrow for present-day conditions, and it means a constant hazard. If in case of a fire a car should be parked in the driveway, it would be impossible for fire-engines to pass. We ask for an appropriation of \$806 to make it a 15-foot drive.

A part of the sidewalk on the south side of our buildings, from the south entrance to Hanser Hall to the south entrance to Schick Hall, should be taken up and relayed. There are two dangerous steps in it that should be eliminated. The cost of this would be \$61. We ask that this be granted.

Maumee Avenue has been widened by the city, and the pavement comes close to our sidewalk. Our walk is higher than the pavement, and we have an offset in places of from two to three feet. This makes it not only very unsightly, but extremely dangerous for pedestrians. Our walk from Center Drive to Schick Street should be lowered, which requires that a lawn terrace be laid between the walk and the fence. The cost of sidewalk and laying of terrace would be \$900. We very earnestly ask that this be granted.

Total sum requested, \$2,267.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

H. B. KOHLMEIER, *Secretary.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod

1. Referred the repairs of the *iron fence* and the *sidewalk* south of the buildings to the Board of Directors.
2. The requests for the *widening of Center Drive* and the *sidewalk on Maumee Avenue* were declined.

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Memorial 106.)

The Board of Control of Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., presents its triennial report to the Hon. Synod with deep gratitude towards our heavenly Father, who has again protected and visibly blessed this institution in many ways.

1. *Student-Body*. — The student-body was governed by, and submitted to, the Word of God. A few individual cases of discipline were dealt with according to Christian principles.

The health conditions, generally speaking, were good. In January of this year an influenza epidemic caused some disturbance. Again, in March a number of scarlet-fever cases induced us, upon advice of the health authorities, to close the institution for an extended Easter vacation. We are happy to state that none of these cases proved serious.

The enrolment has reached a high-water mark for Synod's preparatory schools. Though no special efforts were put forth to induce young boys to come to Milwaukee, 319 were registered in 1929—30, 335 in 1930—31, and 360 in 1931—32.

2. *Faculty*. — On the strength of Synod's resolutions in 1929 the Faculty was increased by three new professors, namely, Rev. R. Schmidt, Mr. E. Jenne, and Rev. H. Gienapp, who were installed in January, 1930. All members of the Faculty have enjoyed good health during this triennium and have worked faithfully in their respective branches. The three senior members, Professors Mueller, Hattstaedt, D. D., and Albrecht, of necessity had to be relieved of some of their classes because of advancing years. We hope and pray that all members may under God's blessing continue to serve for years to come.

On account of the large enrolment and the necessary division of classes we were forced to engage two assistants for 1930—31 and three during the current year.

3. *Board of Control*. — The Board of Control endeavored to discharge its duties to the best of its knowledge and ability. Many regular extra meetings were held during the triennium.

On February 19 our esteemed secretary, Pastor Herman A. Steege, attended his last Board meeting. On March 13 he submitted to

a major operation and on the 27th, Easter Monday, the good Lord called him to his eternal home. For almost nine years Pastor Steege served most faithfully and efficiently as secretary of our Board. Within the past eleven years no less than six members of the board have gone to their eternal rest.

4. *Golden Anniversary.* — In 1931 Milwaukee Concordia College was privileged to celebrate its golden anniversary. Many are the blessings which the Church has derived through this institution. All glory to God!

5. *Buildings and Equipments.* — a. By authority of Synod the State Street Dormitory was remodeled in 1929 at a cost of \$23,375, and now it presents a very pleasing appearance and will be serviceable for many years.

b. In March, 1929, a fire gutted the old gymnasium. The cost of repairs was almost prohibitive. President Barth undertook the task of collecting funds for a new gymnasium. God blessed his efforts. The generosity of Milwaukee Lutherans and of many others in the territory served by our Concordia made the erection of the new splendid gymnasium possible at a total cost of \$112,851.23, fully covered by subscriptions, though due to the present economic conditions about \$5,000 is still outstanding. It was dedicated in 1930 and formally accepted in behalf of Synod by the Board of Directors.

c. A new dormitory, for which Synod at its last convention voted \$134,639.27, could not be erected for lack of funds.

d. Grading and seeding of the grounds, for which an appropriation of \$4,545.80 was made, was carried out only in part at a cost of \$1,312.60.

e. No master-clock system was installed because the money was not available.

f. The laundry and bakery equipment was not purchased for the same reason.

g. For the Biology and Physics laboratory \$4,000 was expended. \$5,200 had been allowed.

h. Upon the suggestion of Synod's Board of Directors a stoker system was installed at a cost of \$4,154.80, resulting in a considerable saving of time and fuel.

i. The regular summer repairs were made annually.

Requests.

Since it is your Board's duty, imposed by Synod, "diligently to see to it that all the property of the institution is kept in good condition and that it serves its purpose well," we feel constrained in spite of present economic conditions to petition your Hon. Body for the following: —

1. A new dormitory, to be erected between Wunder Dormitory

and the gymnasium. Our housing conditions in the Cedar Street Dormitory are far from satisfactory, and we are constantly exposed to the possibility of having this building condemned by the local authorities. A fire last year caused some damage. Because of the hazardous condition of the building it was considered imperative to engage an additional night-watchman. Even if the present enrolment should decrease, an additional dormitory still is necessary, as any one present at this convention may easily convince himself. Recent estimates for the cost of a new dormitory on a somewhat reduced scale total \$95,000. This figure is based on present building conditions.

2. The original plans for the future development of our local Concordia adopted a few years ago embodied the razing of the present Cedar Street Dormitory. For that reason the Refectory building was located in such close proximity. We feel that this plan should be carried out. But in view of the present unfavorable financial condition we request that in conjunction with a new dormitory Cedar Street Dormitory be so remodeled as to provide an additional laboratory room on the first floor and increased library space on the second floor at an estimated cost of \$11,000 and that the present professors' library be divided into two classrooms at an estimated cost of \$400.

3. We repeat our request for a master-clock system, to relieve the present unsatisfactory situation, at a cost of \$1,200.

4. Again we petition your Honorable Body for the necessary laundry and bakery equipment, to be installed in the Refectory Building, where room has been provided. Cost: \$3,850.18 or less.

5. We pray once more for the necessary appropriation to complete the grading and leveling of the grounds. Former estimate, \$3,233.20.

6. If the additional Biology and Laboratory room is provided, approximately \$2,000 would be necessary for equipment. Total requests: \$116,683.18.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE,
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

HENRY GRUEBER, *Chairman.*

Action.

Regarding the requests in this report, Synod, on recommendation of Committee 1,

1. *Declined* the requests for a new dormitory, a master clock, equipment for laundry and bakery, and the grading and leveling of grounds.

2. The request regarding the Cedar Street dormitory was referred to the Board of Directors.

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

(Memorial 107.)

The Board of Control of Concordia College at St. Paul, Minn., begs leave to submit the following report covering the years 1929 to 1932.

Student-Body.—In a general way the health condition and the spirit of our students has been very good. We need to report only one death during this period.

Enrolment.—1929—30: 276; 1930—31: 282; 1931—32: 273.

The Faculty.—By the grace of God the work of the Faculty has gone on with very slight interruptions. A break in the schedule was caused by the serious illness of Dr. H. Wollaeger. We are glad to report that at this writing the Doctor is convalescing and again attending to his duties in the classroom. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Oliver Harstad was filled by Prof. Arthur Streufert, who entered upon his duties in October, 1929. The new professorship created by Synod was filled by the calling of Pastor John Berger. He began his work in our midst on February 1, 1931.

The Board.—Two changes were made necessary in the membership of our Board. Pastor E. G. Nachtsheim, who has served the Board so faithfully for the past fifteen years as its secretary, resigned. Mr. F. Joesting, whose membership on the Board dates back to 1918, also resigned. Both resignations were reluctantly accepted. These two vacancies were filled by the election of Pastor J. H. Deckman and Mr. H. Manke, respectively.

Buildings.—We are glad to report that our new and practical refectory, for which \$140,000 had been appropriated, has been completed. It was dedicated in November, 1930. In making the final settlement and report on this building project a check for \$1,219, as balance on hand, was returned to the Treasurer of Synod.

Requests.—In view of the present economic conditions your Board has conscientiously made it a point to keep expenditures down to the very minimum. The report of our Board, covering this three-year period, will show that in every case the expenditures did not exceed the allowance; on the contrary, in most instances a fair amount of each allowance was returned to Synod's Treasurer. This same spirit of economy has prompted your Board to request only such improvements and repairs at this time as are absolutely necessary. In consequence thereof we have only three requests to make. One of these requests has already been granted by previous conventions. We hope that Synod will pass favorably upon all three.

1. *Chapel.*—Painting and decorating the walls and ceiling of the chapel and improving the acoustics: approximately \$2,775.

Synod at a previous convention allowed this improvement. At that time it was an "improvement," but now, after so many years, it has become a "necessity." Since the erection of the Administration Building in 1918 the walls and ceilings of the chapel have not been touched. Dirt, soot, and grime are their only covering. Surely the place where our boys gather for their family worship should be more inviting and more reverence-inspiring. We urgently request that this appropriation be granted and the needed sum made available as soon as possible.

2. *Sewer.* — Sewer connection for the Administration Building: approximately \$2,500.

The city of St. Paul now has a splendid and adequate sewerage system, which is accessible to our property and for which we were assessed \$11,000. At the present writing our building is, however, not connected with this sewerage system. Instead, we are still using the inadequate, unpractical, and unsanitary cesspools. Surely a request for an appropriation which will permit the use of this sewerage system cannot be construed as asking for an unnecessary improvement. The Board feels that this is a request which should be granted since it is the only practical and sanitary sewage disposal for such a large family of boys.

3. *Toilet Facilities in the West Building.* — Cost: approximately \$1,350.

Our Concordia at St. Paul still has one building without any toilet facilities whatsoever. The toilets for this building are located in another structure. These are reached by way of an underground tunnel. Students who must use the toilet during the night are compelled to go quite a distance. We feel that this toilet equipment in the West Building is a necessity.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

J. H. DECKMAN, *Secretary.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod

1. Referred the items regarding the *painting and decorating of the chapel* and the *toilet facilities in the West Building* to the Board of Directors.

2. The allowance of approximately \$2,500 for the *sewer connection for the Administration Building* was granted.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.

(Memorial 108.)

In presenting our report for the past triennium, we wish first of all to acknowledge the grace and mercy of God, who has not only given us the ability, wisdom, and patience necessary successfully to perform

the duties incumbent upon us toward students and instructors, but has also manifested unto us His protecting providence, kindness, and goodness, so that we have been able to pass through this triennium without any serious mishap in spite of the threatening condition of our administration building, which repeatedly had to be repaired since the last convention in 1929, though with no permanent results.

Health conditions during this period have been good, generally speaking. One of our students, who was stricken with pneumonia, died in February, 1930, while in a hospital at Kansas City, Mo. Also in the matter of health the Lord has been with us.

In accordance with Synod's resolutions the most immediate needs of our present heating system were supplied by the installation of a new boiler for the old buildings, which functions well enough. We have laid out and built four hard-surfaced tennis-courts with the help of the students and with local funds. Shrubbery has been advantageously placed upon the campus for beautifying purposes.

Our library is in excellent working order. We received a liberal donation of more than 800 volumes from the private library of Dr. Andrew Baepler from Miss Louise Baepler. For the present condition of our library credit is to be given to Profs. L. W. Spitz and A. Reese, who have given, and still are giving, much of their time to make possible the fullest use of the many volumes crowded into the present quarters.

On September 6, 1931, on the day of the fiftieth anniversary of his induction into office as minister of the Gospel, the acting chairman of the Board of Control, the Rev. Fr. Brust, was agreeably surprised by his congregation. Dr. F. Pfothenhauer was the guest speaker at this occasion, and Dr. R. Kretzschmar represented the College Board, the Western District, and the local pastoral conference.

Profs. H. Lobeck and Wm. Schaller have served St. Paul's College twenty-five years, the former having begun his work here in 1905 and the latter in 1906. May the Lord continue to be with them as he has been in the past, so that through them His kingdom may be extended and we may be privileged to enjoy their services for many a year.

The Rev. P. Mehl and Student Naumann have served as assistant professors during the past triennium. Pastor Mehl accepted a call into the ministry and was succeeded by Student Naumann, who will leave us in June, which will make necessary the employing of another candidate or student to fill this vacancy. The local board intends to take care of this at the proper time.

Only one change took place in the faculty. Prof. W. Roehrs was added to the faculty, coming to us in February, 1930; he is instructor in Hebrew and German, having taken over the special classes in

German known as Division B, made necessary because of our present transition period, which very materially affects this branch of study.

It has pleased our Lord to take to His heavenly home the late Thees Hink, for many years a member of the local board of control. Mr. Hink died on the 28th of June, 1929, just a few days after he had again been reelected by Synod to serve another term. May the memory of his faith and Christian virtues, of his modesty, energy, and faithful service, stimulate us to continue steadfastly as faithful workers in the vineyard of our Lord! The vacancy thus caused was filled by the local board; with the sanction of the President of Synod it selected Mr. L. Pinkepank of Emma, Mo., in whom we have found a valuable man.

The enrolment for the last three years was as follows:—

	1929—1930	1930—1931	1931—1932
Totals	160	163	163
Prima	15	24	26
Secunda	28	30	18
Tertia	30	18	31
Quarta	22	30	28
Quinta	29	24	32
Sexta	35	37	28

Having duly made our report, we now come to you with our requests for improvements and appropriations, which, we feel, are needed at Concordia at this time.

Administration Building.—Once more we come before you with our request for an administration building. We are firmly convinced that the same reasons which we mentioned in our overture of 1926 and 1929 are as valid as ever, perhaps even more so to-day. 1) We need more classrooms. 2) Most classrooms in the present administration building are without proper ventilation facilities and lack the proper lighting, permitting the light to enter the classroom from two sides. 3) The laboratory is inadequate. 4) Our library quarters are crowded, making impossible the desired access to the many volumes on hand. 5) The faculty-room is inadequate. 6) The chapel (*aula*) is not large enough.

All these reasons made a new administration building very desirable, while we candidly admitted that it could not thereby be presented as an absolute necessity. Hence we gladly agreed to wait another three years, seeing that Synod's finances would not warrant this improvement, especially in the face of other, more urgent requests.

However, at this time we must add *another reason* to those mentioned above, *which makes it imperative for Synod to grant our request.* The local Board of Control no longer wishes to carry the responsibility placed upon it by a further use of this building. As already stated, it repeatedly became necessary during the past triennium to make repairs, but without permanent results. In the fall of 1930 we called in experts, who advocated the removal of the but-

tresses and the placing of rods through the building. This work was done during the Christmas vacation. Yet these repairs did not permanently remedy our troubles. Just nine months later, after \$500 had been spent, we again found it necessary to call in our architect, Mr. Wilson, who, in conjunction with another expert, went over the situation once more. We discussed the advisability of using the building. After we had heard the suggestions for temporary repairs and had been told by these experts that "there was no immediate danger of the building's collapsing," we resolved to continue to use the building. However, we were told by these same men that *"there always remained an element of danger and that we should make provisions at the earliest possible time to have this building replaced by a new one."*

All repairs were made with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Directors, with whom correspondence was constantly carried on. Upon the suggestion of members of the Board of Directors we carefully watched the building as to further shiftings and had repeated readings made by our county engineer. It is the opinion of the local Board as well as of the Board of Directors that it would be a waste of money to make extensive repairs, as they would not be permanent. Hence we make an urgent plea at this time to the members of Synod to relieve your local Board of this great responsibility by granting our request for an administration building. Estimated cost, \$150,000.

Central Heating-Plant.—At the last convention we requested a central heating-plant. Synod instructed the local board to prepare plans and specifications for such a heating-plant, to be presented at the next convention. Hence the local Board intends to have this material in the hands of the Board of Directors in due time, prior to the convening of Synod. Taking into consideration the erection of a new Administration Building, which would necessitate additional boilers for the heating of this building, it makes it a very fortunate time for Synod to erect this central heating-plant; for if it is done now, it will naturally result in quite a saving to Synod. Estimated cost, \$60,000.

In conclusion we add the information that we did not build the professor's residence for which appropriations had been made by Synod, since the new professor is not a married man. However, the plans and specifications have been prepared, and whenever the need arises between now and the next convention, we should like to have the authority to have the necessary dwelling erected.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE,
CONCORDIA, MO.

WM. O. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*

Action.

1. Regarding the request for a new *Administration Building*, which was advocated also in a number of unprinted memorials, Committee 1 recommended that Synod, due to prevailing economic conditions, decline the request, but that the Board of Control in conjunction with the Board of Directors be instructed carefully to observe the building and, if it has to be vacated, to meet the situation as well as it can be done under the circumstances. This was *resolved*.
2. The request for a *central heating-plant* was *declined*.

Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

(Memorial 109.)

During the last triennium, on April 20, 1931, our Concordia was permitted by the grace of God to celebrate its golden jubilee, a cause for special praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, who during all those fifty years signally blessed the institution and kept His protective and guiding hand over it, which is herewith gratefully acknowledged to the praise of His name.

Merely as an example worthy of emulation we beg to mention that during the past few years Concordia has been made the beneficiary in a number of wills made by friends of Concordia to the extent of about \$13,000, a lasting monument of gratitude to their memory.

Board of Control.

The members of the Board of Control, like so many cogs of a wheel, have unostentatiously endeavored to keep the machinery of Concordia in proper running order. For this purpose they have met regularly every month and held a number of special meetings to administer all the affairs of the institution within the scope of the Board.

Student-Body.

Due to the special efforts of our Faculty Enrolment Committee in securing new students the enrolment during the past triennium has been particularly gratifying. The enrolment was as follows: 1929—30: 155 students; 1930—31: 161 students; 1931—32: 180 students, the largest in the history of the school. The graduating class of 1932 numbers 16.

An up-to-date gymnasium and grounds suitable for all recreational purposes tend to keep our boys in the best possible physical health. With an eye to the physical welfare and the general benefit of the boys the Women's Committee of the Lutheran Education Society and the Concordia Ladies' Aid Society have nobly assisted in this respect through large donations for the purchase, for instance, of a moving-picture camera, projector, and equipment, of a ski-ball outfit, for the resurfacing of a tennis-court, etc.

Faculty.

The members of the Faculty have applied themselves diligently and conscientiously, in perfect accord and harmony, to their various tasks and duties and exercised an ever watchful care over the students, establishing among them an excellent *morale*.

There has been one change in the *personnel* of the faculty. Rev. Paul Woy of Stamford, Conn., was called to fill the chair of German vacated by Prof. F. Schroeder and was inducted into his office on September 28, 1931, by the President of the District, the Rev. Arthur Brunn. Mr. Wilbur Luecke, *c. r. m.*, who acted as supply teacher, has been made a regular professor since September, 1929. Mr. Hugo Wolter, salaried by the Lutheran Education Society, has been engaged as assistant instructor since the beginning of last October. The services of the instructor in public speaking was dispensed with, as this work was, upon recommendation of the Faculty, placed in charge of the English Department. Mr. Russel Le Roy has been engaged as leader in the student-singing since January of this year.

Accreditation of Junior College.

At this writing efforts are being made by Prof. Theo. Hausmann to secure accreditation for Concordia as a junior college. The prospects of securing it are considered very favorable.

A New Educational Building.

Although we fully realize that due to the present economic condition Synod will be very reluctant to make any large appropriations for new buildings, yet we dare to repeat our request for a new Educational Building. The need of this building is very urgent, due to the fact that we must house two of our classrooms for science courses in the basement of our Administration Building. These basement rooms are very low, poorly ventilated and lighted, and are a great handicap both to the teachers who must spend the day in these classrooms and for the students. Furthermore, we have no chapel for our student-body. At present we use a makeshift by throwing together a hall and two classrooms. The seating capacity of this "chapel" is too small for our student-body. Our two dormitories are filled to capacity. While we appreciate the fact that a larger number of ministerial students at the present time will only create larger problems for Synod in absorbing the number of graduates from our theological seminaries, nevertheless we dare to make a bid for more students, especially for the non-ministerial courses which are being conducted at our Bronxville Concordia by special permission of Synod. These non-ministerial students are a very definite source of income for Synod. According to the report of Synod's Treasurer, Synod's income for tuition from all our schools was \$13,289. Of this total Bronxville sent \$8,184, the

next highest amount being \$1,000. Since Synod has these schools and would find it very difficult to dispose of them if the decision should be reached that one or several of the schools must be closed because of an overproduction of ministerial graduates, would it not be wiser to stress the non-ministerial courses, thus using our schools as a source of income?

If Bronxville should receive a new Educational Building and so be in a position to move the chapel and the reading-room into this new building, provision could be made in the Administration Building with comparatively small expense to take care of a larger number of non-ministerial students, from which Synod would receive an appreciable revenue.

According to plans made six years ago and carefully restudied at this time, this new building could be erected for the sum of \$175,000 plus the following equipment:—

Furniture (desk, tables, cases, sinks) for three laboratories, 1 museum, 2 lecture-rooms	\$10,640.00
Window shades (6 classrooms), including opaque for projection	400.00
Other window shades	400.00
Blackboards (6 rooms)	500.00
Laboratory equipment (\$3,000 already voted by Synod)	5,000.00
Library equipment (tables, shelves, steel stacks)	3,000.00
Auditorium seats (total, 740)	5,000.00
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	\$24,940.00

We beg Synod to give this matter very thorough consideration.

Finally, we hope Synod's Board of Directors will soon find it possible to erect another professor's residence, for which we asked three years ago, in order to save the expense of a large rental.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

DANIEL M. KLEIST, *Secretary.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod

1. *Denied* the request for an *Educational Building.*
2. The local Board of Control, the Atlantic District, the Eastern District, and the Lutheran Education Society had endorsed the request of Concordia Ev. Luth. Church at Bronxville for the donation of a part of the college grounds for a church-building. (Memorial 131.) Committee 1 recommended that Synod donate a suitable portion of ground on Synod's property in Bronxville, to be selected by Synod's Board of Directors and the local Board of Control; that the financing of the building project by the congregation be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; that the erection of this building be done

under the direction of Synod's Board of Directors; and that the Board of Directors be instructed to make proper provision in the conveyance of property, covering the point that, if the congregation should cease to be connected with Synod, the property is to revert to Synod. These recommendations were *adopted*.

St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

(Memorial 110.)

The Board of Control of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., herewith presents its triennial report to Synod.

With thanks to God your Board is able to report that the past three years were years of outward and inward growth for our institution, and we have much reason to be grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us. There have been no serious cases of sickness. The student-body has diligently applied itself to its tasks, and its behavior was guided by the Word of God. The members of our faculty have been very faithful in the performance of their several duties.

One change in the *personnel* of the faculty must be recorded. In the spring of 1930 Prof. Theo. Hoyer, professor of history, accepted a call to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. During the summer of the same year Pastor E. A. Wolfram of Las Vegas, N. Mex., accepted a call to the chair vacated by Professor Hoyer.

By the exchange of property and the expenditure of a fund that had been donated a few years ago for a girls' dormitory our institution acquired a large dwelling-house opposite the president's residence. This property is now being remodeled and will be used as a girls' dormitory beginning with September, 1932. It will then be possible for the institution to offer room and board to girl students at very reasonable rates.

In 1930, 1931, and 1932 the campus was landscaped, and many trees and shrubs were planted. The funds for this work were supplied by the Alumni Association and other local organizations.

The enrolment during the past three years was as follows:—

	<i>Pretheological</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Totals</i>
1929—1930	106	22	146
1930—1931	101	18	135
1931—1932	107	25	161

There are no major needs which the Board would feel obliged to present at this time, and therefore no special appropriations are being requested.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

P. C. KRAUS, *Chairman*.

Since there were no requests in this report, no action was taken.

Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

(Memorial 111.)

Your Board of Control of Concordia College, Conover, N. C.,
begs leave herewith to make the following report.

The attendance at this institution during the last triennium was:

1929—1930: Boys, 36; Girls, 20; Total, 56.

1930—1931: Boys, 39; Girls, 22; Total, 61.

1931—1932: Boys, 27; Girls, 18; Total, 45.

The graduates from this institution in the ministerial course, prepared for the seminary at St. Louis, were: 1929—30, 4; 1930—31, 3; 1931—32, 3.

The annual changes in the teaching staff as well as the inexperience in the matter of discipline on the part of the supplies has been a continual weakening influence with respect to governing and teaching efficiency. The fourth full professorship granted to this institution also by Synod's committee, 1911 to 1914, and regularly filled by a duly called professor from 1911 to 1918 has since 1918 been entrusted to candidates from St. Louis and to other temporary supplies. The welfare of the institution to our opinion demands the filling of this professorship again in the regular way by an able and experienced teacher. Your Board of Control and the Faculty earnestly request this.

During the past triennium your Board has through its professors again conducted the college in accordance with Synod's instructions. The ministerial course has received the major attention, and by God's grace the college has been permitted to send graduates annually, as stated above, to the seminary at St. Louis. The high-school classes have been adjusted and conducted in such a way that they have met, in addition to the requirements of our ministerial students, the local demand, and they have held their accreditation with the State. The antiquated and primitive building facilities, however, have continued to militate against the college's best interests, and while under God's continued protection they have met the actual needs for those who are able to set the higher interest of the cause above material advantage, they yet undeniably have discredited the school in the eyes of many and have led students away from us both locally and at a distance. On this account as well as on account of the excellent facilities of near-by high schools and senior colleges (not to say anything of the discouraging effect of the recommendations respecting this college in Synod's Survey Committee report) and also because of the generally prevailing financial depression the enrolment at the college during the last year has materially suffered, as is shown by the report above.

Your Board furthermore desires herewith to make record of the

fact that, while in its own very firm opinion the great need of an institution of the kind of our college, both as a backstay of our local congregations and as an outpost for Synod's missionary expansion in this more and more rapidly developing southeastern territory, has by no means decreased, but rather, and especially lately, has most decidedly increased, nevertheless a change with respect to the local use of the college has taken place. The junior college, Prima and Secunda, by reason of the inability, on account of insufficient enrolment, to secure full accreditation from the State, has lost its local patronage on the part of those students who do not have the ministry in view. The high-school department, the four lower classes, although fully accredited by the State, by reason of the up-to-date equipment of the local State high schools is steadily losing the pay students of our local patronage. In this way our general enrolment has steadily decreased, and the student-body is more and more approximating the complexion of our other synodical institutions, and the prospect is in sight that our enrolment may soon be dependent almost entirely on students having the ministry in view. The supply of such students from our limited local resources, of course, promises no large enrolment, unless the entire southeastern territory, including the States south of a line drawn west from Virginia to the Mississippi, could be enlisted in the support of the institution.

With reference to the suggestion of your Survey Committee to curtail the courses given at this institution by two years, your Board begs to submit that a trial of this plan was made by the committee authorized by Synod in 1911, to fix the status of the local institution. After two years' trial the plan was rejected. It was found to be entirely detrimental to the interests and the development of the institution as well as of the students. It will also now be practically impossible to attract students for the ministry from a distance to a college that offers only a partial preparatory course. As to the Survey Committee's recommendation to close the institution, your Board begs to submit that such action would of course leave the Synod without that nucleus in the southeastern territory, which until now has furnished the background for Synod's work in the Southeast and has been largely responsible for its character. We feel confident that it would not be to Synod's interest to take such drastic action with reference to this institution, which has now survived fifty years of continual trial and for the past two trienniums has been looking forward hopefully to a better equipment for the purpose of an increased and better service to Synod and its great possibilities under God's blessing in the Southeast.

Your Board, however, is not at all unmindful of Synod's financial problems at this particular time nor of the financial conditions of our

country at large. After due deliberation therefore and after consultation in meeting with our Hon. President of Synod, Dr. F. Pfothbauer, we have come to the conclusion that the best interests of Synod and of our local institution require that, in case Synod is just at this time not able to continue the appropriation now twice made by Synod for more adequate buildings for the college, we ask Synod herewith at least to permit the institution to continue for another three years on its present basis, with only the most necessary repairs for maintenance, and that we in such case suggest to Synod the creation of a committee for the purpose of making a careful study of Synod's interests in this now so rapidly developing southeastern section and of preparing recommendations for the next following synodical meeting with reference to what Synod ought to do with our local Concordia College.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

GEO. E. MENNEN, *Chairman.*

C. R. BRADY, *Secretary.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod *declined* the re-establishment of a full professorship under present conditions.

California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.

(Memorial 112.)

California Concordia College thankfully improves the opportunity to present to your honorable convention first a brief summary of its history during the past three years.

Even the most general report must reveal that no fact in the history of these years is more evident than the continual manifestation of the gracious protection and guidance of our God. The ability of any institution of ours to accomplish the high purpose for which it was founded depends upon many factors, both physical and spiritual, which are beyond the reach and control of human foresight and ingenuity and are solely the gifts of divine mercy. It is this realization which urges us to preface this report with an acknowledgment of deep thankfulness to the kind God, who in the past three years has again so clearly revealed to our California Concordia His presence and His favor.

That our college has experienced an outward growth and development in the past triennium is indicated by the increase in the number of students and by the addition of two professors. Assistant Professor Otto H. Theiss accepted a call to a professorship in 1929 and the Rev. Albert H. Wessling of Lodi, Cal., in 1930.

The relation between the members of the Faculty and the stu-

dents has been characterized by a friendly spirit of cooperation. Although it became necessary during the past years to expel three students for different reasons, at no time was there united opposition to the Faculty. The problems of discipline were confined to the individual student.

It is with gratitude to God that we report upon the health of the students. Although overcrowded living quarters make it impossible to maintain an adequate standard of living conditions for the student, there have been no epidemics nor serious cases of illness. The one death among the students was the result of a chronic disease unaffected by any condition in the school.

During the past three years the Lutheran Education Society with its membership of approximately five hundred has again manifested a lively interest in the progress of the California Concordia. This organization has been of invaluable assistance, not only because of the material contributions which it has made to the equipment of the school, but also because of the wide-spread publicity which it has given to its aims and purposes. Under its auspices the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college was observed by a general celebration on October 25, 1931, and at its suggestion special services of thanksgiving in commemoration of this event were held in many congregations during the month of October and November. We would therefore take this occasion to pay tribute to its devoted sponsorship of our California Concordia.

We would moreover not be unmindful of the many other friends of our college, both individuals and organizations, who have by word and deed promoted its welfare. We value very highly the support and the assistance which also the Southern California District has so consistently given the cause of the college.

In the second place, California Concordia College begs leave to submit a request to the honorable convention.

At the synodical meeting in 1926 your Hon. Body voted our California Concordia College a new Administration Building and alterations to the amount of \$188,500. These appropriations were made because Synod was convinced that they represented urgent needs. However, on account of economic conditions these resolutions were not carried out. In 1929 we repeated our request because the situation had become even more acute. Again financial conditions stood in the way. However, Synod granted an appropriation of \$16,800 as an emergency measure to take care of the immediate needs for the housing of students. When plans for the expenditure of this sum in emergency relief were presented to the Board of Directors, it refused to carry out this resolution of Synod on the ground that the amount granted would not be sufficient to erect a suitable per-

manent building in keeping with the desirable general building program at Oakland.

We therefore petition Synod now to grant an appropriation sufficient for the erection of a new dormitory of fire-proof construction and affording room for forty-two students. The amount necessary for a building of this type, including complete equipment, would not exceed \$52,000. Why a new dormitory to accommodate forty-two students? Answer: The old building is dangerously overcrowded. Four students to a room, and not five, is the maximum the law permits in this instance. The available space for the housing of our students includes a number of rooms in the basement, which are not at all desirable for this purpose. In other words, we propose that in our present dormitory not more than sixty students be accommodated and that a new dormitory be erected for forty-two more. This would allow a total increase of about twenty resident students.

Our present main building, a gift to the Synod from the California and Nevada District, has served as Administration Building and dormitory for sixteen years, and no major repairs or alterations have been made. A few alterations and some renovations will place the building in excellent condition for many more years of service. After a careful study of the situation we present the following as the desirable and necessary improvements: 1. The conversion of the present basement living quarters into sorely needed storage- and school-service rooms. 2. Minor alterations in the kitchen. 3. Hardwood flooring throughout the building except in the basement. 4. Concrete floor in the dining-room and in the basement corridor. 5. A new up-to-date furnace. 6. New study tables and chairs for sixty students. 7. Thirty chests of drawers for the bedrooms.

On the basis of professional advice we have carefully estimated that \$7,000 will cover all the above alterations and renovations, and the necessary equipment.

We commit our Oakland Concordia to the continued guidance and protection of Him to whose honor and glory it is dedicated, and we are confident that the Hon. Synod will do everything possible to strengthen also this humble instrument of the Lord, used in the service and for the advancement of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

REV. A. BROHM, *Chairman.*

REV. H. HASERODT.

MR. A. THEISS.

MR. H. HEISE.

MR. E. L. WINKELMANN, *Secretary.*

Action.

Concerning this report and Memorials 133 and 134 Committee 1 recommended — and Synod *resolved* —

1. To *decline* the request for a *new dormitory*;
2. To refer the items under *alterations* and *renovations* to the Board of Directors.

3. Regarding Memorial 601 B, 2, it was *resolved* to concur with the recommendations of the Board of Directors to donate to Redeemer Church at Oakland a suitable piece of ground on which to erect a church and to instruct the Board of Directors to make proper provision in the conveyance of this property, covering the point that, if the congregation should cease to be connected with Synod, the property would revert to Synod.

The Survey Committee had recommended that the Oakland institution be reduced to four classes. On the other hand, the California and Nevada District had submitted a memorial (Memorial 132) pleading that the course at Oakland be not reduced, and the Southern California District had petitioned Synod (Memorial 133) to augment the classes of the California Concordia College. This matter was referred to the new Committee on Higher Education.

Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.

(Memorial 113.)

In making our report on the past triennium, we are happy to say that God has been very kind to us also during these three years. He has, on the whole, blessed both teachers and students with good health, mercifully kept our buildings from harm, and made it possible to carry on the work without any serious interruption.

With the permission of the Board of Directors we installed an oil burner in 1930 and a frigidaire in 1931, both highly necessary improvements, with very satisfactory results. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution, together with that of its president and first teacher, Professor Sylwester, was celebrated in 1930. Owing to financial conditions prevailing everywhere we have during the past three years dispensed with the assistance, formerly enjoyed, of a vicar.

Synod's Survey Committee recommends the closing of our institution. The reasons advanced by the committee utterly fail to convince us, and not only us, but our entire Oregon and Washington District. (See the unanimous resolutions passed by the District at its convention in Portland in 1931; also the memorial which our Visitors have sent in to Synod by resolution of the District.) We are so far from being convinced that our college ought to be closed that we even make bold to petition Synod at this time to give us the new Administration Building it has twice allowed us, in 1926 and in 1929, provided Synod sees its way clear to consider any kind of building program at this convention. True, the present time may

seem very unfavorable to the undertaking of building programs of any kind; but consider the following:—

Our present building, of the very cheapest construction, it having cost but \$6,000 at the time it was built, has served us for twenty-five years and ought now to be replaced by one more serviceable. Besides being old and worn, it is pitifully lacking in room and facilities. It is utterly incapable of caring for more than thirty-five students, and that would mean putting six boys into rooms of ten by thirteen feet each. It has no storage facilities whatever, no room for bedsteads or desks not in use. The laboratory is in one corner of the basement in a dark and very small room, and the equipment is very primitive. The sick-room is poorly furnished, if indeed it can be said to be furnished at all. The toilets are not adjacent to it, but in the basement, while the sick-room is on the second floor, and the dormitory is in the attic! Imagine a boy getting sick in the night and having to go to —. Our very faithful and efficient stewards, a couple with two children of school age, have to live in the building in very crowded quarters.

Surely the need of a new building is quite apparent. And now consider the following:—

While the present business and industrial depression is very unfavorable in one way to the undertaking of building operations, in another way it is very favorable. The cost of a new building should be much lower now than it would have been in 1926 or in 1929. Material is decidedly cheaper, and labor is coming down for the time being.

The Call of the Hour is for missionary expansion. Give us this new building and see what an impetus it will give to missionary expansion in the great Pacific Northwest. Many a boy whom we could otherwise have had, has been denied us on account of our present poor facilities, though at that the average attendance during the last three years has been thirty. But give us a new and suitable building, and we shall no longer be denied the boys we should have, and both our college and our mission-work will *expand*.

In the name of the Board of Control,

J. A. RIMBACH, *Chairman*.

RICHARD KUHN, *Secretary*.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod *declined* the request for a *new building* under present conditions.

The recommendation of the Survey Committee to discontinue the college at Portland was met with a memorial of the Oregon and Washington District (Memorial 134) petitioning Synod not to discontinue the school. This matter will be considered by the new Committee on Higher Education.

Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

(Extract from the report of the Board of Control. Memorial 114.)

Not only has the whole Western Canada suffered during the last years under a constantly growing depression, but many parts of the country where our congregations are located have suffered total crop failures year after year. For miles the country is like a desert. Under these conditions our institution has also suffered. The number of students has decreased from 62 in the school-year 1929-30 to 42 in the present school-year. Parents found it ever more difficult to support their sons. More students had to be supported from the Indigent Students' Fund. Some of our advanced students had to discontinue their studies temporarily, and many a promising boy could not enter the institution because of lack of funds.

Nevertheless we will not complain, but praise God for His support during the last three years. He has protected professors and students from sickness, want, and death. He has given the teachers strength and ability for their work and endowed the students with zeal for their studies, so that the work has progressed under His blessings. He has again made our Christians willing to support the institution liberally.

Since the last convention of Synod our property has been greatly improved. By permission of the Board of Directors and with the active assistance of Mr. Horst a strip of land in the rear of our property has been exchanged for eleven lots in a much more favorable location on the same street on which our Administration Building is located, in two blocks adjoining our property. On six of the new lots four professors' dwellings were erected for about \$38,000, so that all professors are supplied with dwellings.

Our whole educational system has been changed by the dropping of the so-called coeducation. We came to the conviction, on account of our limited teaching staff and because of the great diversity of requirements, that we could not do justice to the training of our students preparatory to the study of theology and at the same time give girls the necessary preparatory training as deaconesses and the like. This, in part, explains the decrease in students.

Although this arrangement has hardly decreased the work of our professors, they have nevertheless, on account of the lack of funds in the Synodical Treasury, offered to take over the work of the former assistant professor, whose services have been dispensed with for the present.

Our library is still very small and inadequate and should be enlarged considerably if it is to serve its purpose. The \$1,000 appropriated by the last Synod for the library were not available. We earnestly request the Ven. Synod to renew this appropriation.

Our buildings and their equipment are in good condition. Larger repairs or replacements will probably not be necessary during the new triennium.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

W. C. EIFERT, *Chairman*. M. W. RIEDEL, *Secretary*.

Action.

Under the present conditions, upon recommendation of Committee 1, Synod *declined* the request for a new library.

Lutheran Concordia College of Texas, Austin, Tex.

(Extract from the report of the Board of Control. Memorial 115.)

With gratitude to God we can report that the work at our institution during the last three years has prospered.

In the scholastic year 1929—30 our enrolment was 59, of whom four left the institution. Forty-nine of these had the ministry in view, six the teaching profession, while two took the high-school course. At the end of the year eleven were dismissed to Winfield and two to Fort Wayne, while four entered our normal schools. Of the 43 students during the year 1930—31 two left the institution, and one had to be expelled. Eight were dismissed to Winfield, two to Concordia, and one to Seward. This year 37 were enrolled, one of whom has given up his studies. Thirty-three intend to serve the Lord in the ministry or in the teaching profession. One is taking the high-school course. At the close of the school-year nine intended to go to Winfield and two to River Forest or Seward.

Health conditions were good. We can give the students a good rating as far as their behavior and industry are concerned. According to local arrangements, students spend about two hours every Monday to beautify the grounds.

When in 1929 the fourth class was opened, Assistant Professor Neeb was elected as the third regular professor. Candidates Alex Heidel and Klopp served as assistant instructors during the triennium. The latter also gave musical instruction, thus saving expenses.

In the fall of 1929 the building allowed by the last Synod was erected and so arranged that it can later be used for kitchen and heating-plant. The second professor's dwelling was built 1930. Early last year, with the approval of the Board of Directors, natural gas was installed in the heating system, effecting a saving of from \$100 to \$150 a year. Since our laboratory was inadequate, the Board of Directors made a special allowance of \$250 for this purpose. The interest of the congregations of our District for the institution is growing, so that our kitchen and storeroom are well supplied. The help of our college auxiliary, of the Walther League, and of other young people's societies of the District must be gratefully acknowledged.

Permit us finally to call attention to a resolution of the Texas District expressing the request "to permit the Board of Control of our institution at Austin to engage an instructor for Spanish if the present faculty is not in a position to continue the instruction in this language." We would support this request.

In the name and by authority of the Board of Control,
R. OSTHOFF, *Secretary*.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 the request for an *instructor in Spanish* was referred to the Board of Directors.

The Texas District had gone on record (Memorial 135) asking that the recommendation of the Survey Committee to limit the course at Austin to four years be denied. This matter will be considered by the new Committee on Higher Education.

Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

(Extract from the report of the Board of Control. Memorial 116.)

With gratitude toward God it must be mentioned that He has again protected and blessed our institution.

In the year 1929 our *enrolment* was thirty-seven, in 1930, forty-two, in 1931, thirty-five, of whom six were active as vicars in various congregations and were dismissed into the ministry at the end of the year. No serious sicknesses occurred, except that one student was compelled to give up his studies because of an old chronic trouble. All students willingly submitted themselves to the nurture and admonition of the Lord, although one student had to be expelled because of continued disobedience. With God's help the bodily needs of the students could be supplied. Although most students are poor, they suffered no actual want, since with God's help the fund for poor students was kept well supplied and many congregations were found willing to donate liberal supplies for the kitchen and storeroom.

The faculty was able to serve without interruption. Former Assistant Professor Karl Rupp was added to the faculty as regular instructor, so that our faculty now numbers five men.

Buildings and improvements. The two professors' houses granted by Synod were built during this triennium. The repairs on the roofs of the two main buildings and the three older professors' houses, for which Synod had appropriated \$3,500, were made last year, and the older dwellings were painted and repaired and the various yards fenced in. Toilet facilities were supplied in the old motor house and connected with the municipal water-works system. In 1930 the institution could be connected with the municipal water and light system, for which we are especially thankful.

The *library* of our institution was considerably enlarged during

the last triennium, especially through the financial assistance of Synod. Special mention should be made of a liberal donation of books from the library of the late Dr. Joseph Schmidt of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for which we owe the family of the esteemed deceased hearty thanks.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod voted grateful acknowledgment to the family of the sainted Dr. Joseph Schmidt for the valuable collection of books presented to the library of the Porto Alegre Seminary.

Memorial 136, submitted by the faculty of the Porto Alegre Seminary, advocated the return to the former arrangement of admitting new students only every third year, while Memorial 137, submitted by the local Board of Control, requested the establishment of a new professorship for Porto Alegre for the pedagogical department. Committee 1 recommended that both the matter pertaining to an enrolment only every third year and that relative to the establishing of a chair of pedagogy be submitted by the Board of Control at Porto Alegre to Synod's Board of Directors, and that Synod give the latter board power to act. This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Request for a New Professorship at Crespo, Argentina.

The Board of Control of the District institution at Crespo, Argentina, had asked for permission to call a third regular professor for this institution. Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod *resolved* to submit this request to the Board of Directors for further investigation and action.

B. Memorials Pertaining to Theological Seminaries in General.

Postgraduate Examination for Candidates of the Ministry Before Ordination.

(Memorial 117.)

"Stop the leak!" has become a favorite slogan in the mission endeavors of our Church. This same principle might as well be applied on our field of education.

We believe that too much of our precious educational efforts bestowed upon ministerial students is lost through lack of personal application to study in the ministry. And we believe that a poor beginning in the ministry is largely responsible for this. We believe that our ministerial candidates should at once, upon entering the ministerial work, foster the acquired habit of diligent, systematic

study for the further development of their theological learning and for the growth of efficiency in office.

"Stop the leak!" may also be applied to a useless expense of energy and patience, time and money, on some not adapted for the ministry, who with the best mental equipment nevertheless prove failures in an actual trial of ministerial work.

To stimulate thought along these lines, the following resolution is respectfully submitted to the Hon. General Body for kind consideration:—

WHEREAS, Our Synod has always stood for a high standard of education and training of those who intend to enter the Christian ministry; and

WHEREAS, The present synodical convention is even considering the improvement of our present standard of education by an extension of our preparatory course for the better equipment of those aspiring to the ministry; and

WHEREAS, A thorough preparatory training can be put to the best advantage only when the person entering the ministry at once continues to apply himself to his studies; and

WHEREAS, Such a continuation of study on the part of our ministers would be greatly stimulated by the introduction of a system requiring every candidate to pass an examination in pertinent subjects of theology after having successfully done some practical work in the ministry for a period of not less than two years; and

WHEREAS, A candidate for the ministry should prove himself capable and fit for the high office in actual work before his ordination; and finally,

WHEREAS, Other church-bodies, including our Saxon Free Church of Germany, have found this system both practicable and advantageous; therefore be it

Resolved, That this synodical convention instruct the College of Presidents or some other competent body to draw up rules and regulations for the adoption of a postgraduate synodical examination, which all future candidates of the ministry, after having done sufficient practical work to the satisfaction of a board of examiners, shall pass before their ordination.

THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF YORK, NEBR.

O. BATZ.

O. A. GRAEBNER.

} *Committee.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 it was *resolved* to refer this matter to the Committee on Higher Education.

Religious Instruction and Missionary Training at Our Colleges and Seminaries.

(Memorial 118.)

The Northwest Missouri Special Conference endorsed the following resolution prepared by Rev. O. E. Feucht regarding religious instruction and missionary training at our colleges and seminaries:—

"WHEREAS, The Lord of the Church has committed to the Christian ministry not only the care of the flock, but also the preaching of the Gospel to lost sinners; and

"WHEREAS, Our graduates are each year entering in increasing numbers into mission-churches and schools and are working with the totally unchurched; and

"WHEREAS, Our growth in the future will be from without in a far larger measure than it has been in the past; and

"WHEREAS, Personal soul-winning is fundamental for the success of both our Home and Foreign Missions; and

"WHEREAS, Many men in the ministry and in the teaching profession feel that they are not adequately prepared for this important work in the Lord's kingdom; and

"WHEREAS, A mission-minded ministry makes for a more consecrated ministry with a truly evangelical spirit; and

"WHEREAS, Our pastors and teachers also feel the need of more Bible-study at our colleges and more training in Christian stewardship, including practical church-work; and

"WHEREAS, Pure doctrine without evangelism is unfaithfulness to a sacred trust; therefore be it

"Resolved—

"A. That the courses at our colleges and normal schools be enlarged and refashioned, so that more time is devoted to religion, that two years be given to Biblical analysis, and that courses in Christian stewardship, the elements of pedagogy (at the colleges), personal mission-work, and practical church-work be added;

"B. That the present mission-course at our seminaries be enlarged to a three-year course, in which special attention is given to personal evangelism, and that methods in all branches of church-work be taught in the department of practical theology;

"C. That the mission committee of the Synod's Board of Directors, in collaboration with the college faculties, local boards, and the Professors' Conference, work out the details of these courses, keeping in view the actual needs of the men in the ministry."

THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

A. E. FERBER, *Secretary.*

Action.

It was *resolved*, on recommendation of Committee 1, to refer this matter to the Committee on Higher Education.

Systematic Reading of Luther's Works in Our Theological Seminaries.

(Memorial 119.)

WHEREAS, In these last times, by the special grace and mercy of the Almighty, the doctrines concerning the chief articles of our Christian religion were explained and purified again by Dr. Martin Luther, the God-given Reformer and teacher of the Church, "the highly illumined man," "the hero, illumined with unparalleled and most excellent gifts of the Holy Ghost" (Form. Conc.); and

WHEREAS, Luther's works in the Lutheran Church are considered the highest human authority, outweighing by far that of any other Lutheran divine, his books being referred and appealed to constantly; and

WHEREAS, It is the unanimous judgment of all great theologians of our Church to place Luther's writings above all other human books and writings; and

WHEREAS, The diligent perusal and study of Luther's writings is signally blessed by God; and

WHEREAS, It is of greatest importance for our Lutheran Church that we Lutherans, especially our pastors, become and remain ardent and diligent readers and students of Luther's writings; and

WHEREAS, It is deplorable that in our times Luther's writings are being praised more than read and studied; and

WHEREAS, Our future pastors should delight to read and relish Luther's writings; therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a pastoral conference respectfully petition Synod to add to the curriculum of our theological seminaries a thorough, systematic course in Luther's writings, apportioning at least one hour a week for the continuous reading and thorough study of Luther's works.

Respectfully submitted by the Western Pastoral Conference of the South Wisconsin District,

per F. H. EGGERS and
THEO. KISSLING.

Action.

This matter was also referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Obligatory "Internship" for All Theological Seminary Graduates.

(Memorial 120.)

Trinity Ev. Luth. Church of Winfield, Kans., petitions the Ven. Synod to introduce and establish an *obligatory* "internship" for all graduates of our theological seminaries.

I.

The main features of such "internship" shall be:—

1) Upon his graduation from the seminary every aspirant for the office of the holy ministry shall serve at least one year as licentiate under the supervision of the District President or some other qualified person or persons appointed by the President of the District to which the licentiate is assigned.

2) During his "internship" the licentiate shall as far as possible be assigned to, and trained in, *all* the duties and services of the Gospel ministry except the regular administration of the holy Sacraments.

3) The licentiate shall be obligated to give regular (monthly?) and special reports on the character and the details of his work whenever and as his superintendent (and the faculty of his institution) may direct.

4) After the licentiate has, under blameless conduct, rendered satisfactory work in his "internship" for one year, he shall be given an opportunity to take his final examination *pro candidatura* of the holy ministry.

This final examination shall be in writing on questions submitted by the respective faculty and may be supplemented by an oral or written examination of the District President. It shall be given at such places and by such persons as the District President (and the respective faculty) may designate.

If the licentiate passes his final examination, he shall be declared eligible for ordination and for a call into the holy ministry.

5) During his "internship" the licentiate shall receive a salary sufficient to supply (at least) his personal needs and his necessary expenses.

II.

The advantages of such an institution are quite apparent and need only be mentioned.

1) An "internship" as outlined above would tend to eliminate those who in spite of sufficient theoretical knowledge are, for one reason or another, not fitted for immediate service in the Gospel ministry.

2) It would give a fuller, more complete, and more practical training to those who are fitted and qualified and lead them to appreciate more fully the responsibilities of the glorious office to which they aspire before they are entrusted with its full stewardship.

3) It would bring out much additional and very valuable information for the College of Presidents (and the faculties) and enable them in a higher degree to assign each candidate to that field and to that congregation for which he is best fitted according to his individual character and disposition as well as his peculiar qualities and qualifications.

4) The supervision exercised by, and in the stead of, the District President and the final examination would tend to cultivate and establish the habit of private study, which, as a rule, is either established or abolished during the first years after graduation.

At present we have a generous supply of ministerial graduates. The time is opportune. Therefore we petition Synod to adopt the substance of this overture and to establish such an *obligatory "internship"* at this time, when it is least likely to hamper the work of the Church.

We suggest that Synod authorize the appointment of a committee consisting of an equal number of theological professors and of District Presidents (the President of Synod being *ex officio* a member) to work out the details and to put the system into operation.

Respectfully submitted,

TRINITY EV. LUTH. CHURCH, WINFIELD, KANS.

A. M. REHWINKEL.	} Committee.
I. I. KLOSTER.	
G. C. SCHROEDEL.	

Action.

This matter was also referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Practical Course on the Use of the Speaking Voice for Our Ministerial Seminaries.

(Memorial 121.)

Since the work of the ministry calls for successful public speaking; and

Since it is apparent that a wrong use of the voice is not only one of its chief tiring and nerve-straining hindrances, but that also from time to time numbers of those in this profession, to the disheartening disappointment of themselves and to the distinct loss of the Church, due to ruined voices, are compelled to give up their calling as public speakers; and

Since the fundamental principles of correct voice production and a thorough understanding of the art of speech tend to fit the voice and its nervous system for better and greater professional use; and

Since this can only be obtained through the medium of special instruction by a voice specialist; therefore be it

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Body, in convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wis., to authorize the Board of Control at each of our ministerial seminaries, in St. Louis, Mo., and in Springfield, Ill., to engage well-qualified voice specialists for the purpose of giving at each of these seminaries an annual course of not more than six lectures with practical demonstration on *the general outline of*

the fundamental principles of voice production as also on the art of fine speech and on the avoidance of common errors ruinous to the vocal mechanism.

Signed in the name of the Eighth Circuit Pastoral Conference of Northern Nebraska District by

A. BERGT, Schuyler, Nebr.

A. D. HOLM, *Secretary*, Platte Center, Nebr.

Action.

This matter was also referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Regarding Graduates Not Having Received a Call.

Committee 1 brought in the following report, signed by Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, President J. Schinnerer, and President R. Kretzschmar:—

"WHEREAS, The respective committees of Synod will have recommendations to bring in regarding our institutions and missions and in this connection the deplorable fact cannot be overlooked that such a large number of our candidates of this year have not received assignments; furthermore,

"WHEREAS, The District Presidents, after assigning the calls, had special occasion earnestly to consider the question how to give the remaining 110 candidates at least some temporary work in the Church; therefore your Committee

"*Recommends*, That all District Presidents earnestly endeavor to make arrangements to have one of these candidates taken over by two or three of their visiting circuits in order that such a candidate may be given some work in the Church under the supervision of the Visitors; and furthermore your Committee

"*Recommends*, That these vicars or assistants be given enough besides board and lodging to keep them out of actual need; and finally your Committee

"*Recommends*, That every District President submit this matter to the representatives of his District and the College of Presidents to Synod."

These recommendations were *adopted* by Synod.

C. Matters Concerning Preparatory Schools and Higher Education in General.

Expansion of Our Theoretical Ministerial Education.

(Memorial 124.)

The Pastoral Conference of Fort Wayne and Vicinity begs leave to submit the following recommendations relative to the necessary expansion of our theoretical ministerial education:—

1. Retain the present junior-college system.

2. Establish one senior college (comprising the junior and senior collegiate years) at St. Louis as an undergraduate department of the Seminary, using for the present the old Seminary building.

3. Appoint a committee to work out the details regulating the transition period and to draw up the curriculum.

I. In support of the necessity of extending our ministerial education, we submit the following facts:—

A. Life is growing increasingly complex and pastoral problems are becoming more complicated.

B. The educational level of the American people has been constantly rising, and the educational standards of other professions (law, medicine, engineering, education, etc.) have been greatly increased in the past decades.

C. Members of our congregations are attending universities in growing numbers, which will rapidly increase because of Valparaiso University.

D. An increasingly cultured audience will demand greater knowledge and culture in its pastors.

E. Large and increasingly important departments of learning (physical sciences, psychology, education, sociology, etc.) which have an intimate bearing on religious thought cannot be even surveyed by our students in the allotted time of six years.

F. Much dissatisfaction with the existing course of ministerial education has been vented in our circles, as a result of which the Survey Committee was appointed at the last convention.

G. German has practically become a foreign language at all institutions, necessitating much additional time.

II. In support of retaining the junior-college system unchanged we submit the following facts:—

A. The junior college, consisting of four years' academy and two years' college, is not without parallel in our country, more than four hundred such institutions being in existence.

B. To reduce our schools to the status of academies will prove the cause of their gradual decay. This has been, with few exceptions, the experience of academies in Norwegian Lutheran circles. It will prove difficult to persuade parents to send their sons to our academies when an accredited high school, offering practically the same courses, is close by. In such surroundings our students would lose much of their religious instruction and intimate contact with the life of the Church.

C. We need the upper-class men (Prima and Secunda) to supervise the students of the four lower classes.

D. We have had favorable experience with our junior colleges

extending over many years. Experience should on no account be set aside in the interest of mere theory.

III. In support of the proposal providing one senior college of the two upper collegiate years instead of expanding the course at four institutions, as proposed by the Survey Committee, we urge the following:—

A. Simplicity.—This plan involves fewer changes than any other plan hitherto proposed and dovetails best with our historical development. It also has the endorsement of the Professors' Conference of 1925.

B. Complete Development.—Students will profit from contact with more than one director and more than one group of instructors.

C. Harmony.—It will prevent any section of Synod and any institution from feeling that they have been discriminated against. If the plan of the Survey Committee is adopted, it is a foregone conclusion that every institution will endeavor to secure for itself the full course of eight years.

D. Studious Atmosphere.—Separating the two upper-college years should produce a more studious atmosphere. In such an institution there will be no downward pull exerted by freshmen and sophomores, a condition generally deplored by university authorities.

E. Flexibility.—If accreditation should prove vitally necessary in future years and hinge on our having a four-year college, it would be a relatively simple matter to close the senior college at St. Louis and expand the existing junior colleges. On the other hand, if the proposed expansion of our junior colleges has been carried out and proves unsatisfactory for any reason (financial, etc.), to reduce these schools back to their former status of junior colleges and then establish a central senior college will be fraught with so many complications as to make a change practically impossible.

F. Conserving Graduates.—If the experience of other Lutheran bodies should be repeated in our midst, a senior college of four years, not in intimate touch with the Seminary, where the goal is constantly before the eyes of the students, may easily result in a large number of graduates' refusing to continue their studies at the Seminary in favor of entering some profession other than the ministry.

G. Economy.—It will manifestly cost less to operate one senior college than to operate four because the classes will generally be as large as can profitably be assigned to one teacher. If four institutions are maintained, some are bound to have small classes, while others may be compelled to conduct parallel classes. Furthermore, only one library and one laboratory must be provided. This plan obviates also the need of erecting any new buildings, the old Seminary being adequate for the present.

IV. The old argument that the plan is unique and untried cannot be urged as a valid objection; for —

A. The plan to expand some of the existing institutions to eight years is also unique and labors under the additional disadvantage of having been tried in other circles, where it has failed. It is now frowned upon by accrediting agencies, who insist in such cases on complete separation between the high school and the college (professors, libraries, laboratories).

B. Locating a senior college of two years at one place is unique only with respect to the physical separation. Colleges and universities (Chicago University and Johns Hopkins University) make a sharp distinction between the work of freshman and sophomore years, on the one hand, and of junior and senior years, on the other hand.

Respectfully submitted by

THE PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF FORT WAYNE
AND VICINITY.

WM. E. MOLL, *Chairman*.

JOHN G. SOHN, *Secretary*.

The establishment of a senior college was also advocated in unprinted Memorial 84, submitted by the St. Louis Faculty and Board of Control together with the Board of Directors.

This matter belongs to those that were referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Lengthening Our College Course.

(Extracts from Memorial 126.)

Without any doubt the students at our preparatory schools should receive training in accordance with the needs of our times before they enter the theological seminary at St. Louis. It is just as important that our students in Springfield and of the two normal schools receive such an adequate training. It should not be necessary for the future servants of our Church to complete their education at worldly institutions. Since the educational requirements of our day have been greatly increased, the course at our institutions should be lengthened and augmented accordingly. At the same time the cost of these improvements in our college should not exceed the financial ability of our people. Therefore we submit to Synod the following resolutions for careful consideration and adoption: —

Resolved so to lengthen and arrange the scholastic year at our colleges that through the addition of summer courses during the six years at our preparatory schools the equivalent of at least one scholastic year be gained.

We consider this plan advantageous and altogether feasible for the following reasons: —

1. The expenses would be comparatively small.
2. The continuation of the studies extending into the summer would be favored by the mental attitude of the students.
3. No more suitable or helpful occupation could be found for our students during the summer.
4. According to this plan all our present colleges could be continued as they are.
5. Professors and students would surely be willing to put forth the increased mental effort also during the summer; for
 - a. In former years the scholastic year was much longer, with comparatively less teachers at our disposal.
 - b. Many of our professors and students as well as our pastors and teachers are now taking summer courses at state institutions.
 - c. The work should redound to the glory of our Savior and the welfare of dearly bought souls.

Respectfully submitted,

THE YORK (NEBR.) ONE-DAY CONFERENCE.

WM. BUTZKE.

K. L. ROSENWINKEL. } *Committee.*

This matter was included in those that were referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Summer-School Courses for Pastors in Our Preparatory Colleges.

(Memorial 127.)

During the past three years a beginning has been made in establishing summer-schools for pastors. The enrolments have shown that there is considerable interest in these institutions, and it is to be expected that, since the various demands of the present-day ministry frequently tend to deprive pastors of opportunities for private study, these schools should prove even more popular in the future as a source of stimulus and a means of keeping pastors in touch with theological studies. In view of this we respectfully petition Synod that it take under advisement the arrangement of such courses in our preparatory schools wherever possible, thus putting to use the splendid plants of these institutions at least for part of the time during which they usually lie idle, and that such summer-schools be put under the direction and regulation of the Seminary at St. Louis, possibly as part of the work of the Extension Division.

Respectfully submitted by

THE FACULTY OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,
WINFIELD, KANS.

Action.

It was *resolved* to refer this matter to the Committee on Higher Education.

Adapting Number of Students to Housing Conditions.

(Memorial 138.)

Whereas it is manifestly wasteful for Synod to erect buildings at one institution while another institution can accommodate additional students, because there is not, or should not be tolerated, any real difference among our junior colleges as to aims, standards, courses of study, discipline, and attitude of faculties and students toward their work; and

Whereas experience shows that the enrolment at the various colleges is subject to marked fluctuations for no apparent reasons; and

Whereas under modern conditions of travel and communication, distances can no longer be considered a major factor in the choice of schools;

Therefore the Greater Detroit Pastoral Conference begs Synod in view of these facts to resolve:—

1) That it is against the policy of Synod to erect buildings made necessary by overcrowding at any college as long as other colleges of Synod can accommodate the excess;

2) That Synod hereby instruct its Board of Directors to determine by means of a survey the number of students each institution can house and teach in its present buildings and to fix the maximum enrolment at this figure;

3) That as soon as the quota thus set by Synod's Board of Directors is filled at any of our institutions, the president of the school be required to notify additional candidates for admission that their application cannot be granted and to refer them to some other synodical institution.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF GREATER DETROIT.

E. C. FACKLER, *Chairman*.

E. H. BUCHHEIMER, *Secretary pro tem*.

Detroit, Mich., February 29, 1932.

Action.

Resolved to refer this matter to the Committee on Higher Education.

**Concordia College at Fort Wayne (or River Forest Seminary)
and Valparaiso University.**

(Memorial 128.)

WHEREAS, Our Synod is studying plans for a better training of students who intend to serve the Church as pastors and teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Organization, consisting of members of our Synod, is bending every effort towards the solution of its problems; therefore

We recommend, That Synod, assembled in convention at Milwaukee, Wis., in June, 1932, will authorize the appointment of a committee which is carefully to study the following questions and report its findings to Synod: —

1. Whether some combination between our college at Fort Wayne (or our teachers' college at River Forest) with the Valparaiso University would be feasible and desirable;
2. In what manner and under what terms such a combination should be effected;
3. What advantages such a combination would bring to our educational system and our Synod in general;
4. Whether such a plan would receive favorable consideration on the part of the Valparaiso University Organization.

Respectfully submitted by

ALFRED DOERFFLER,

R. R. CAEMMERER,

RICH. KRETZSCHMAR,

and other pastors in St. Louis and vicinity.

Action.

This matter was also referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Subsidy for Valparaiso University.

(Memorial 207, B.)

WHEREAS, The sainted fathers of our Synod, when they founded the first college in Perry County, Mo., had the aim in view to found an institution of higher education and learning, not only to train the necessary ministers and teachers, but also to train laymen for other professions; and

WHEREAS, Such training of young men and women for various useful secular professions was not deemed outside of Synod's work by the fathers and no one to-day can rightly classify it as such; and

WHEREAS, The gracious Lord has now fulfilled the ardent wishes and prayers of the fathers in that respect by guiding affairs in such a manner that Valparaiso University could be acquired and until now has been successfully conducted as a high-standard school for laymen; and

WHEREAS, This splendid institution had to combat with financial difficulties ever since the Lutheran University Association took it over in 1925, thereby being greatly hampered in its work and desired progress; therefore be it

Resolved, That we earnestly petition Synod to grant an annual subsidy of \$100,000 for the maintenance of Valparaiso University as long as this is necessary; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That we petition Synod to devote more time than here-

tofore to the discussion of this important matter at our delegate conventions and to urge the several Districts to do the same at their conventions.

Respectfully submitted by

THE "SYNODICAL SUNDAY" COMMITTEE OF THE DAVENPORT
AND ROCK ISLAND CIRCUITS.

H. F. C. WETZEL, *Chairman.*

H. J. ELLING, *Secretary.*

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 1 Synod *declined* the request for an annual subsidy of \$100,000 for the maintenance of Valparaiso University.

President Kreinheder was given an opportunity briefly to present the cause of Valparaiso University to Synod.

Advisory Committee for Valparaiso.

Synod instructed the Board of Directors to appoint a standing Advisory Committee for Valparaiso.

Report of Committee on Support of Indigent Students.

(Memorial 606.)

At its last convention Synod passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That the venerable President of Synod be asked to appoint a committee of such men as are familiar with conditions at our educational institutions and that this committee make a careful study of the question whether the students at our various institutions should be compelled to do some work in return for the benefits received from Synod or any of its Districts (tuition, lodging, board, etc.) and that such committee shall make its report and recommendation to Synod at its next (35th) regular convention." (*Proceedings*, 1929, p. 63.)

The Ven. President of Synod appointed the undersigned committee.

Your Committee, soon after Synod adjourned, addressed a letter to the boards for the support of indigent students in our Synod. Your Committee also addressed a letter to the presidents of our educational institutions.

On the basis of these replies and its own study of the entire problem your Committee reports the following findings:—

1. Our Synod has throughout its entire history granted free tuition and housing to such of its students as are preparing for work in the Church (ministers and teachers).

2. About one-third of our students are having their board (in some cases also books, clothes, and other expenses) paid by Districts, conferences, congregations, individuals, or out of the special indigent students' funds held in trust by the various institutions. These sup-

ported students your Committee believes are those whom Synod had in mind in its resolution.

3. Both the time required for study and the limited opportunity for remunerative employment make it impossible for either all our students or even those who are being supported to make full return in the way of work in consideration for the benefits received.

Your Committee recommends —

1) That Synod continue to grant free tuition and housing to those of its students who are preparing for work in the Church (ministers and teachers), even as the State furnishes like free privileges in its grammar and high schools and its State universities.

2) Since parents should consider it a privilege if they have a son whom they can dedicate to the Lord for His work in the Church, they should, if their means permit it, consider it their duty to pay the necessary expense, board, and other personal expenses, especially since the Church supplies free tuition and housing.

3) Since many a boy or young man who is well qualified could not be procured for work in our churches and schools if support would not be granted to such parents as are not financially able to see their son through college, the practise of supporting indigent students should be continued.

4) Since many a poor boy would be eliminated by the rule that support be withheld during the first year, boards for indigent students should be advised against the adoption of such a regulation. Continued support, however, should be granted only upon the recommendation of the respective faculty.

5) Since many of the students who have been enrolled at our colleges did not finally enter the services of the Church, and since perhaps even some of those who did ought not to have been permitted to do so, much greater care in the selection of all students should be exercised, and all students who are not giving evidence of due diligence in pursuing their studies, even though they are making passing grades, or who lack the necessary personal qualifications (moral integrity, consecration, health, alert mind, gift of speech) should not be permitted to continue their studies, regardless of whether they are being supported or not; and since all this, as a rule, can be definitely known and determined before the student finishes his high-school course and certainly before he enters the Seminary classes, the elimination of students should be made by the respective faculties prior to that time, it being understood that this be done only after ample opportunity has been given the student to prove himself worthy or unworthy of the benefits which he is receiving from the Church or any of its organizations.

6) Since *all* our students receive free tuition and housing on the part of Synod, all students ought to be ready to do some manual or

other labor at our synodical institutions as their time may permit in order to show their appreciation of the benefits they are receiving and thus also to save additional expense to Synod. This, however, your Committee holds, is a problem which cannot be solved by any fixed rules, but must, according to circumstances, be worked out by the board and faculty of each institution.

7) Since it is very desirable for the development of character that a person should not unnecessarily rely upon others for his support, it is a reasonable demand that a student who is being supported should not only live economically, but should during vacation periods make due efforts to find remunerative employment, and a student doing supply-work should save as much as possible of his salary in order to be able to contribute of his own earning toward his expenses at the college or at the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

G. CHR. BARTH. W. C. KOHN.
JOHN H. C. FRITZ.

Guiding Principles for the Support of Indigent Students.

(Memorial 607.)

WHEREAS, Districts, conferences, and individual congregations of Synod contribute each year many thousands of dollars for the support of indigent students at the various synodical institutions; and

WHEREAS, Synod has provided no way in which the Districts, conferences, and congregations can exercise a uniform, wholesome control over the students receiving such support; and

WHEREAS, Synod has not provided any arrangement under which such students can be held to give some service in return for their support and thus help reduce the cost of operating an institution; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod adopt the following guiding principles for the support of indigent students:—

1. Boards for indigent students shall as heretofore grant support to a student during his first year at the institution on the basis of the information and recommendations received from the local pastor, teacher, or congregation.

2. Continued support after the first year shall be granted only to such students as the faculty of the respective institution can recommend for such support on the basis of their scholastic standing, application, Christian character, and deportment. (A uniform standard to guide faculties shall be worked out by a committee representing the various institutions.)

3. Each student receiving support shall be held to give a reasonable amount of service to his institution in return for the aid received.— And be it further

Resolved:—

1. That Synod recommend to Districts, conferences, and individual congregations to adopt the above resolutions as their guiding principles in granting support to students;
2. That Synod enjoin upon boards of control and faculties of synodical institutions to adopt guiding principles on which to base recommendations for support and to withhold the recommendation in all cases in which a student does not meet the requirements;
3. That the President of Synod appoint a committee of seven men, to wit: a member of the General Board of Control, three men from three District boards for indigent students, and three professors who are now in charge of students' funds;
4. That this committee establish the standard according to which faculties shall give or withhold recommendations for support;
5. That this committee take all the necessary steps to bring about the support of students in accord with the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully submitted by

THE FACULTY OF CONCORDIA TEACHERS COLLEGE,
RIVER FOREST, ILL.

ARTHUR E. DIESING.

ALB. H. MILLER. F. H. SCHMITT.

Action.

Regarding these memorials, Synod *adopted* the following guiding principles for the support of indigent students, pursuant to the recommendations of Committee 1, together with the *recommendations*:—

1. Since all our students receive free tuition and housing on the part of Synod, all students ought to be ready to do some manual or other labor at our synodical institutions as their time may permit in order to show their appreciation of the benefits they are receiving and thus also to save additional expense to Synod. This, however, your Committee holds, is a problem which cannot be solved by any fixed rules, but must, according to circumstances, be worked out by the board and the faculty of each institution.

2. Boards for indigent students shall as heretofore grant support to a student during his first year at the institution on the basis of the information and recommendations received from the local pastor, teacher, or congregation.

3. Continued support after the first year shall be granted only to such students as the faculty of the respective institution can recommend for such support on the basis of their scholastic standing, application, Christian character, and deportment. (A uniform standard to guide faculties shall be worked out by a committee representing the various institutions.)

We recommend:—

1. That Synod recommend to Districts, conferences, and individual congregations to adopt the above resolution as their guiding principles in granting support to students;

2. That Synod enjoin upon the boards of control and faculties of synodical institutions to adopt guiding principles on which to base recommendations for support and to withhold the recommendation in all cases in which a student does not meet the requirements;

3. That the President of Synod appoint a committee of seven men, to wit, a member of the General Board of Control (Board of Directors), three men from three District boards for indigent students, and three professors who are now in charge of students' funds;

4. That this committee establish the standard according to which faculties shall give or withhold recommendations for support;

5. That this committee take all the necessary steps to bring about the support of students in accordance with the foregoing resolutions.

Memorial Concerning the National Lutheran Education Association.

(Unprinted.)

The Advisory Board for the National Lutheran Education Association had brought in a recommendation concerning which Committee 1 reported:—

"Your Committee is of the opinion that this matter does not properly belong before the forum of Synod and therefore recommends to Synod to decline it."

Synod *adopted* this report.

Property Value of Our Institutions.

Mr. Henry W. Horst, with the assistance of the various boards of control, had established an inventory of the property value of our various seminaries and colleges, concerning which a highly instructive and interesting exhibit was presented during the sessions of Synod. Committee 1 recommended to Synod to express its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. H. W. Horst and to the boards of control as well as to others who have assisted Mr. Horst in establishing the *Eigentumswert* (property value) of our institutions. This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

D. Matters Pertaining to the Survey Committee's Report.

At the last synodical convention, Synod instructed its President, in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents, to appoint a committee of nine from our own circles to survey the entire educational system and report at the next convention of Synod. This committee consisted of

the following members: Prof. P. E. Kretzmann, D. D., Ph. D.; Prof. L. Wessel, D. D.; Prof. O. F. Rusch; Rev. Herman A. Steege; Mr. Ralph Richman; Prof. W. H. Kruse; Rev. Th. H. Schroedel; Rev. A. Wismar; Mr. Carl Zorn. In keeping with Synod's resolution the report of this committee was submitted to all the conferences of Synod, and a copy of it was mailed to every pastor.

The report of the committee contained ten chief subdivisions. Under I. were given a "Statement of Objectives and Standards," "General and Specific Aims, or Objectives, in our Normal Schools," "The Place of Languages in Ministerial Training," and "Recommendations to Instruct Faculties to Follow Synod's Outlines."

Under II. the report dwelt on the "Extension of Pretheological Training and the Rearrangement of the Institutions." Part III spoke of the "Extension of the Normal Course." Part IV gave "Suggestions for the Course of Study, Seventh Year of Pretheological Work." Part V dwelt on "Sports and Athletics at Our Institutions." Part XI brought recommendations on "Hymnology and Music in Our Institutions." Part VII mentioned "A Few Suggestions to Improve Our System of Electing Professors." Part VIII recommended the establishment of a "General Board of Higher Education." Under Part IX recommendations were made "Concerning the Institution at Springfield." Part X brought "Miscellaneous Matters and Recommendations" regarding a new plan of tuition for Synod's educational institutions, the holding of degrees, religious instruction, and rules of polite behavior.

Memorials on the Survey Committee's Report.

A large number of memorials were submitted to Synod on the report of the Survey Committee. Memorial 125, by the faculty of Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Illinois, submitted a plan on the reorganization of our colleges. Memorial 123, by the Ev. Luth. Trinity Church, Springfield, Illinois, petitioned Synod to table the report of the Survey Committee, particularly the part referring to the Concordia Seminary at Springfield. A number of unprinted memorials offered many recommendations regarding various items in the report of the Survey Committee.

The whole report, together with the memorials pertaining to it, was given careful consideration by Committee 1, which brought in its recommendations to Synod, whereupon Synod passed the following resolutions:—

Concerning *Sections I and II* (pages 1—19):—

- a. That Synod at this session do not formulate or adopt permanent plans for a reorganization of our educational system;
- b. That the Board of Directors be, and herewith is, empowered to appoint a committee of 13, to be known as *Committee on Higher Education*;

c. That this Committee on Higher Education be instructed and empowered to study, survey, and plan a permanent reorganization of our educational system;

d. That all memorials pertaining to any phase of ministerial or normal educational work be put into the hands of this Committee on Higher Education;

e. That the committee be given a budget allowance, with the sanction of the Board of Directors, sufficient to permit it to carry on its work according to its best judgment;

f. That the Committee on Higher Education be, and herewith is, instructed to submit its plans to the Board of Directors, the College of Presidents, and the congregations, and to present them to Synod at its next convention. All overtures relative to this subject must be submitted to the Committee on Higher Education within the next twelve months.

On *Section III* (Extension of Normal Course) it was *resolved* to adopt Recommendation B, page 21, "that the factors deciding the adequacy of supply and demand shall be not only the number of calls to be supplied by the Committee on the Distribution of Calls, but also the capacity of the institution." Recommendations A, C, and D were tabled.

On *Section IV* of the report of the Survey Committee, Committee 1 had no report to make, since this matter (suggestions for the course of study, seventh year of pretheological work) will fall within the problems of the work of the new Committee on Higher Education.

On *Section V* of the report it was *resolved* that the regulation of all sports at all our institutions be left in the hands of the local boards of control.

On *Section VI* of the report it was *resolved* that the resolutions of the Survey Committee be adopted, namely, that a two-hour semester course in church music and hymnology be given at our seminaries and that the objectives noted in the Survey Report be accepted as suggestions of the committee, with the suggestion added by Committee 1 that soberness in the observance and application of symbolism in connection with hymnology and liturgies be recommended as an objective in the course.

On *Section VII* it was *resolved* that no action be taken at this time on Resolution a) of the Survey Committee, that the initial call to one of Synod's institutions shall be a call to an instructorship, no consideration being given to a time limit. Resolution b) of the Survey Committee was *adopted* in the following form: "That, as a rule, a man must have been engaged in pastoral or parish-school work for a period of not less than five years before he can be elected to a full professorship." No action was taken by Synod in regard to a so-called "sabbatical year" for professors.

On *Section VIII* of the report, advocating the establishment of a General Board of Higher Education with an executive secretary, in order that general control and supervision may be exercised over the courses of study, etc., Synod adopted the following *resolution*: —

We earnestly request and urge the faculty at St. Louis to use the authority which Synod has given it to bring about better cooperation and coordination in our preparatory schools.

Section IX of the Survey Committee's report dwelt on matters concerning the *Springfield Seminary*. The following points had been brought out: —

"1. The original purpose for which the institution was established has been achieved.

"2. The Seminary at St. Louis will be able to furnish all the candidates we shall need from now on.

"3. The existence of the Springfield Seminary makes for a double standard in our ministry.

"4. The difference between an eleven-year course and a six-year course is too great.

"5. The institution cannot meet the historical standards of the Lutheran Church in regard to the ancient languages.

"6. The institution can be reorganized so as to offer courses on missions for those called to the foreign field and also courses for lay workers in the Church."

A minority report, disagreeing with the findings of the Survey Committee on this point, had been brought in by Prof. L. Wessel, D. D.

Since the adoption of the Survey Committee's report on this point would have meant a complete change in the character and purpose of the Springfield institution, a number of memorials had been submitted, asking Synod not to close the Springfield Seminary. The sentiments of about thirty unprinted memorials all supported the petition of the Central Illinois District in *Memorial 122* not to close the Springfield Seminary or to change its character. The memorial follows: —

WHEREAS, Synod's Seminary at Springfield for eighty-five years has ably and faithfully served its purpose and by the grace of God has furnished a large number of devoted and efficient pastors for the Lord's work; and

WHEREAS, The Lord in no wise has indicated that this institution is no longer needed, neither by a constantly decreasing enrolment nor by a diminished demand for the services of the graduates and students of this institution; and

WHEREAS, We regard it as the duty of the Church to offer, also in the future, to consecrated and talented young men of more advanced age an opportunity to prepare themselves for the ministry; and

WHEREAS, We are convinced that this duty can best be fulfilled through the Seminary at Springfield as it now is; and

WHEREAS, We sincerely thank God for the blessings which we have derived, and are deriving, from this Seminary and should pray Him to preserve unto us the manifold gifts which He uses in the building of His Church; and

WHEREAS, This institution at no time has interfered with, or impeded, the work of Synod's other schools nor has had any harmful effects upon their scholastic standards, but has modestly pursued its own purpose, namely, to be a special school for special students, and has thus relieved our other institutions of a very difficult task; and

WHEREAS, It is an obvious fact that this Seminary has always taught its students to respect and value highly the fuller course of learning offered at our other institutions and made its alumni loyal and enthusiastic supporters of our colleges and especially also of our Seminary at St. Louis; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Illinois District, express ourselves as sincerely opposing any proposal that would deprive Synod of the valuable and still indispensable services of the Seminary and that we view with grave apprehension the effects which the acceptance of such a proposal would have on Synod; and be it also

Resolved, That we earnestly petition Synod not to close this Seminary nor to change its character, but to give to this institution its further fostering care for the ever better accomplishment of the purpose which this institution serves; and be it finally

Resolved, That we who are blessed by the privilege of having this institution in our midst, and who have long loved, cherished, and supported it, do hereby assure Synod of our continuous interest in, and devoted support of, this institution, which has had such a long career of blessed service, and ask the members of Synod to join us in our prayers to the Lord of the Church in mercy to hold His hand of blessing over our Springfield Seminary for the future accomplishment of its singular and noble mission in the Kingdom.

Adopted Tuesday, October 13, 1931, at Danville, Ill.

PAUL SCHULZ, *President*.

EMIL C. WEGEHAUPT, *Secretary*.

Regarding this matter, *Committee 1* brought in the following *recommendations*:—

- a. That Springfield be continued;
 - b. That the age of entrance at Springfield be fixed from eighteen to twenty-five;
 - c. That all matters relating to this institution be considered by the Committee on Higher Education.
- Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

Section X of the Survey Committee's report had advocated a new plan of tuition for Synod's educational institutions, namely, that a small tuition charge be made in the case of every student intending to enter the service of the Church, the money thus paid in to be returned after graduation to the students or such party as supplied the funds. The intention was that each institution should receive the interest on all sums paid as tuition to said institution, such money to be used for the improvement of grounds, repairs, library or laboratory equipment, etc.

Regarding this matter, Synod *resolved*, on recommendation of Committee 1, although it recognized the merits of this plan, not to adopt it under present conditions.

II. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Young People's Work.

Report of the Board of Christian Education.

(Memorial 201.)

Three years ago Synod established a single Board of Christian Education to supervise and foster the various agencies of elementary Christian education of our congregations. Because of the location of its thirteen members the Board appointed the Chicago and Milwaukee groups a Committee on Schools and the St. Louis group a Committee on Sunday-schools. To each of the committees were allotted several of the other agencies for attention.

The committees met monthly and had a plenary meeting twice a year. The Board also arranged for, and conducted, educational conferences of boards of education and our seminaries and normal schools, as decided by Synod, although in 1931 this conference was dropped for the sake of economy. Further contact was maintained with District boards of education, superintendents, and Presidents by quarterly letters and with our seminaries, normal schools, and colleges partly through official communication and partly through representation of these institutions on our Board.

During the past year the two secretaries had also been instructed to visit all District boards of education and on such occasions to meet as many members of mission boards, visitors, and other officials as possible, to discuss the educational work; but by the advice of Synod's Board of Directors the trips were canceled. For economic reasons other traveling was also kept down to a minimum. We do not favor this practise, however, as a standing policy because we believe it important for our Board to have personal contact with the field.

In order to give a meaningful picture of the work of our Board during the past triennium, we offer the following reports on the activities of our two subcommittees.

I. THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

A system of Christian elementary schools increases or decreases, exists or fails to exist, according to the measure of Christian understanding of, and devotion to, the cause, provided no compelling outside interference frustrates the work. In the past our Synod, by the grace of God, enjoyed a large measure of such understanding and devotion, coupled with a strong determination and a unanimity of purpose. As a result parochial schools abounded.

Synod has at present a very considerable school system. It has, moreover, boards of education in all Districts, superintendents in a number of them, and a general board with an executive secretary especially for the schools. These have, with the help of God, aided considerably in maintaining and increasing a very general and renewed interest in the schools. Our Synod favors, fosters, and financially and morally backs the further development of the parochial-school system. There is at this time no compelling outside interference that would hold up growth and expansion.

And yet there has not been that progress in outward expansion in the last few years that one should expect. The school system has even slightly declined since 1926. This came after a strong upward trend during the years 1920 to 1926. It cannot be ascribed to a lack of teachers nor very materially to the industrial depression, since the latter was unknown in 1926. Other causes must be looked for. We ask, Is it not principally due to a smaller measure of that spiritual understanding, devotion, and determination which gave us the schools in the past despite hardships? How otherwise shall we explain that almost two-thirds of our organized congregations either have no schools or are slow in establishing them? We realize that there are instances in which it is not possible for the time being to open a school, but we know and you know that in virtually hundreds of congregations, both large and small, it is possible. May we ask you, dear brethren, to give this your most earnest thought and attention both at this convention and in your home community and District? God forbid that our dear Synod should gradually lose its school system and like other church denominations, as Dr. Walther warned, bring about its own deterioration by letting the State look after the training of the children! This has happened to other church-bodies and to Lutheran synods, and it may happen to us if we are indifferent enough to permit it. The devil has never taken anything away from the Church unless he was permitted to do so. May God give us vision, courage, willingness, and strength to face and improve the situation! It is still time, but it is also high time!

A. Present Status of the School System.

	1928	1930	Difference
Number of Schools	1,370	1,339	-31
Enrolment	81,457	79,956	-1,501
Regular Man Teachers	1,309	1,393	84
Woman Teachers	494	482	-12
Pastors Teaching	368	326	-42
Students Teaching	100	134	34

B. Growth and Decline During the Last Ten Years.

<i>From 1920 to 1926 — Six Years</i>		<i>From 1926 to 1930 — Four Years</i>	
Schools: Increase of	80	Decrease of	51
Pupils: Increase of	7,019	Decrease of	1,126
Teachers: Increase of	217	Increase of	123
Woman Teachers: Increase of ..	234	Decrease of	31
Pastors Teaching: Decrease of ..	107	Decrease of	56
Students Teaching: Decrease of	48	Increase of	49

C. Growth or Decline of District School Systems.

(Last Five Years, 1925—1930.)

Where Schools Decreased.

(- Loss; * Gain; x No Change.)

<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>
Atlantic	- 2	-205	North Dakota and		
Brazil	** (-15	-240)	Montana	- 2	- 29
Central	- 2	-216	Northern Illinois.	- 3	-667
Central Illinois ..	- 7	-241	Northern Nebraska	- 2	*152
Eastern	- 8	-271	North Wisconsin .	-10	- 47
English	- 1	x	Oklahoma	- 4	* 10
Iowa	- 2	*182	Oregon and Wash.	- 6	-197
Michigan	- 9	-394	South Dakota ...	- 1	-175
Minnesota	-12	-109	Southern Illinois.	- 2	- 77

**Branched off Argentina. In reality remained the same.

Where Number of Schools Remained the Same.

<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>
Man. and Sask. ..	x	- 41	Southern	x	- 36
Ontario	x	- 99	Western	x	*275

Where Number of Schools Increased.

<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Pupils</i>
Alberta	* 2	- 2	Kansas	* 3	*219
Argentine	* 1	* 34	Southern Nebraska	* 5	*125
Calif. and Nevada	* 2	*162	South Wisconsin .	* 1	*353
Colorado	* 1	*148	Texas	* 8	*540

This table explains the foregoing one. Please do not get the impression that the school systems showing a loss are definitely on the down-grade. Among these Districts there are some that belong to our largest, best, and most hopeful school Districts, such as Northern Illinois, Central, Michigan, and Southern Illinois, with a number of others very hopeful. Nor should any one think that the Districts of the last two sections are all progressing satisfactorily; for among them are some of our smallest and least progressing school Districts.

The evidence is simply this: While a number of Districts register growth or at least no loss, the majority, including some of the very best school Districts, show a loss; and this loss counts in the figures for the Synod as a whole. The loss in a number of Districts is without question only a temporary setback (in Michigan, for example, the 1931 figures show an increase of 200 in the enrolment); and therein lies a ray of hope that there will soon again be an upward turn in the figures for the Synod.

D. Outlook.

As just stated, there are prospects of an upward turn. Judging by the activity and general interest in most of the Districts now showing loss, there is bound to be an increase in the near future, provided the congregations do not forfeit the Lord's blessing by refusing to act; for the interest and fervor displayed in general by those who have schools and by many who as yet do not have them, by boards of education and mission boards, and by District conventions and District officials is truly remarkable. We have repeatedly been induced by this splendid local initiative to write boards, visitors, and others letters of appreciation and commendation.

But it is equally true that a wide-spread indifference and laxity evidently still exists, if indeed it is not increasing. The schools come very hard. Progress in establishing them is much too slow. We constantly expand in number of congregations, in Sunday-, Saturday-, and summer-schools, in baptized and communicant membership, but we do not in the same measure expand our school system. There is apparently too much reliance on, and possibly satisfaction with, our minor agencies, such as Sunday-, Saturday-, and summer-schools despite the widely declared consensus of opinion that they are inadequate and serve only certain purposes, but are not a substitute for the parochial school. The fact that children attending them are being primarily trained by the world instead of by the Church and receive only inadequate religious instruction to counteract such training, leaves many of our people wholly indifferent or is not considered sufficiently important to compel the opening of a parochial school.

Here and there home-training is urged instead of a parochial school. Now, home-training can never be overemphasized. It would in fact be ideal if the home could do all the instructing and training without the help of schools. But can it, especially in our day? If it can, does it do so? We furthermore agree that, where a school can as yet not be had, the home should in a particular way be enlisted to help make up for the deficiency. If this is really done, the great need of a school should soon become evident. But we must respectfully warn against urging the home *instead* of the school, or *vice versa*. Both are greatly needed.

With all the increased attention to the schools during the past ten years, close observation shows that there is still too much silence on the schools. They are not as prominently and consistently connected with our general endeavors as their importance warrants, neither in print nor in speech. To promote the schools, we must keep them before our people, properly correlated with our other endeavors.

Some sections of Synod have made little or no headway during the past whole decade in the matter of opening more schools. What they had ten years ago they have now and no more. A few sections have even retrogressed from year to year and are still going back. Yet they have considerably expanded in everything else. During this decade the number of organized congregations without schools increased by 460; in other words, while Synod increased by 522 as to congregations, it increased by only 62 as to schools. The total number of congregations in 1930 was 3,843; 2,504 of these had no schools. If we continue at this rate, the ratio of congregations without schools to those with schools will soon be greater than 2 to 1.

Shall this continue? God forbid! Forward! Onward! should be our slogan. Where we have failed, let us improve. The time is still most opportune. The general attitude is entirely favorable. As yet we have a fine, large school system that we *can* expand. The Lord has given us peace from without. He has also given us the means, and where we are short, fellow-Christians are willing to assist. The doors are wide open to us. There is sufficient power and interest left in Synod, thanks to God, to carry the cause to a successful issue. It is but necessary that we wake up, face the situation squarely, and act courageously. Since we cannot do this without the light and guidance, the presence and blessing, of God, we must pray, believe, and trust Him implicitly. Let us turn to Him in true repentance over past indifference and neglect. History shows that He has ever been gracious to those who turned to Him in true repentance; He has blessed, helped, and prospered them. May it please Him to lead us back to the earnestness, understanding, and devotion of our forefathers, who did succeed in establishing a wonderful school system and left it as a heritage to us.

E. Activities of the Committee on Schools.

What efforts were made to improve the school situation? The answer is that the entire activity of the Board and especially of the Committee on Schools and its secretary, including the daily routine in the office with its constant corresponding, planning, and writing, has this for its principal objective. But the following deserves special mention: The *News Service* was issued monthly and sent to some 800 leaders in all parts of Synod; through its bulletins a special effort was made to warn and admonish, but also to encourage and

inform them, and to help in promoting the cause of the Christian day-school. But additional articles were also written for our church-papers and the *School Journal*; conference papers were delivered; contributions were made to the messages that went out to District boards in our quarterly letters and special communications; a lively correspondence was kept up with superintendents, boards, and many others; the Educational Conference was arranged for, and the educational problems were presented and discussed there; the Superintendents' Conference was attended; many private consultations were held, not to speak of similar other activities too numerous to mention in the space of this report. An extra-special effort was in the form of a lengthy communication to District boards known to us as the "Plan of Action," in which definite suggestions were made for establishing more schools. It seems to have met with general favor and has produced some action. It is even now reechoing the call for *more schools* in various sections of Synod. Another effort was made in connection with the campaign for missionary expansion, where we emphasized also inner expansion through more schools. We have urged more permanent calls for our teacher graduates. Congregations which felt that for financial reasons they could not hold their schools any longer were advised not to close the schools before consulting District boards about help from the District. In short, we took every step that seemed necessary and that our ability and Synod's financial condition allowed to bring about needed improvement.

The work on the general curriculum for our schools is being continued under the auspices of our committee. A new series of German readers was finally gotten under way. An elementary Church History was planned and an author found. A course in music was planned and an editor and author secured. Additional school plans were made available as an aid to congregations intending to build, and further architectural drawings were secured in the interest of better school architecture. A pamphlet that will correlate our church history with United States history is in course of preparation. The superintendents were supplied with forms for a uniform record system. A rather elaborate survey of the teaching of religion in our schools is being made through several District superintendents; other surveys are under consideration.

A series of articles, entitled "Practical Advice in Teaching," originally requested for theological students, is being continued. A working platform, under the title of "School Policies," was compiled and adopted by the committee. Similar policies were laid down with regard to other agencies under the care of this committee. The *School Reference Catalog* was continued under our auspices by Superintendent S. J. Roth. The list of text-books for our schools and

of professional books for our teachers was revised with the help of the superintendents. Suggestions for the work of District boards were written and forwarded to these boards.

A tract, entitled *Congregational Boards of Education*, was published. Three other tracts were prepared and will soon be published: a canvass tract, a tract on the cooperation of the home with the school, and a tract on Christian education in the home. A selection of suitable primary and elementary United States histories was undertaken. A number of statistical compilations for various purposes were made. The school record of Synod was kept up to date. District boards were advised regarding the collection and use of school statistics. A beginning has been made with the collection of historical data on our schools and the writing of a manuscript. District boards have also been asked to collect such material and to publish it periodically. By request the committee also took up the collection of entertainment material for the schools.

There was much correspondence with teachers about methods, books, school organization, conference papers, calls, and the like, and with pastors and professors about various subjects pertaining to the school and its promotion. Upon the urgent request of one of the college presidents an appeal was made to all presidents of our colleges to take up or increase school promotion at their institutions. Information was obtained from these colleges and from the seminaries as to the educational status of boys from our schools and boys not from our schools. Advice and opinions were given with regard to children's services. Your Committee concerned itself considerably with the question of Boy Scouts. The questions of kindergartens, parent-teachers' associations, pageants, children's choirs, District school policies, confirmation instruction, teaching pastors, woman teachers, temporary calls, the call of the superintendent, junior high schools, consolidated schools, pupil transportation, the exact sphere of boards of education, the combining of our two offices, visits to, and contacts with, District boards, articles appearing in our church-papers and many others, came up from time to time.

Our secretary participated in the arrangement of summer courses for teachers at River Forest and Valparaiso. Books and other publications or manuscripts were examined for Concordia Publishing House. Text-books and teachers' books by various publishers were examined and opinions written. A school exhibit for the Century of Progress Fair in Chicago, 1933, is under advisement. Reports of District boards were solicited, and a digest was made of them. A survey of Saturday-schools was made, and a manual and course of study is in preparation. This is not a complete catalog of our activities, but will suffice to give the brethren some insight into our work.

In addition the Secretary of Schools performed the following special duties:—

For the Committee on Missionary Expansion he twice wrote *Mission-studies for Schools and Sunday-schools*, in 1931 and 1932, with an accompanying circular letter to the teachers.

For the *School Journal* he writes a monthly message to the teachers.

For the *Lutheran Witness* he conducts the "Children's Study Section."

Continued work was done for the Synodical Catechism Committee.

He revised an article on Lutheran schools in an encyclopedia.

Occasional addresses and talks were frequent, but many requests to speak had to be declined.

II. THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

A. The Work of the Committee.

The Committee on Sunday-schools was organized in conformity with the resolution of the Board in this matter. Pastor Paul Koenig was made chairman and Rev. Wm. Luke secretary. The other members are: Teacher J. M. Runge, Mr. Oscar Kunz, Dr. Theo. Engelder, and Prof. W. H. Behrens. Much work was done by subcommittees.

Minutes and much correspondence were interchanged with the Committee on Schools, while Professor Kuehnert, a member of that committee and chairman of the Board, attended almost all our meetings.

Monthly meetings were held in the office of the secretary in Concordia Publishing House. Special and routine reports were mailed to all members in advance together with a prearranged program, averaging 18 distinct items per meeting.

Constant improvement of our Sunday-school literature was the major item of business.

In 1911 Concordia Publishing House began to publish English and German Sunday-school literature as a private venture, appointing its own editors and committees. In 1920 Synod instructed its President to appoint a Sunday-school Committee; but the editor remained an employee of Concordia Publishing House until 1926. In 1927 the editor, though salaried in part by Concordia Publishing House, was called by, and made directly responsible to, the official board of Synod.

That the efforts of Synod's Sunday-school officials bore rich fruit is evident from the rapid increase in the use and circulation of Concordia Sunday-school literature, as seen from the following table:—

	1910	1921	1926	1931
Enrolment	53,343	120,625	170,722	ca. 220,988*
Literature	none	53,000	160,260	259,700

* All ages. Children of school age, 103,084 (1930).

Even ten years ago less than half of the pupils received the Concordia literature. However, the circulation increased steadily, exceeding the enrolment in 1929 and leaving very few of our Sunday-schools to-day that are not using the regularly censored material of our own Synod.

There are other problems in which we have progressed considerably toward solution. While there have been numerous instances of underestimation as well as overestimation of the Sunday-school, much progress has been made in putting the Sunday-school in its proper light. Other church-bodies in America have not produced an institution which may be taken over by our Synod without changes. Even other Lutheran church-bodies have in most instances developed a Sunday-school that is different from ours. Since with us the parochial school has ever been, and still is, the ideal solution of elementary Christian educational problems, it has been the earnest endeavor of our Committee on Sunday-schools to foster a Sunday-school based on a Scriptural appreciation of responsibilities in Christian education and to enhance the progress of the parochial school while at the same time facing the actual situation as we have it in Synod to-day, which may be seen from the following table:—

	1920	1925	1930
Congregations	3,283	3,565	3,843
Schools	1,310	1,338	1,339
Sunday-schools	1,587	2,297	2,849

In the 2,504 congregations not maintaining a Christian day-school the principal agency, besides the regular service and confirmation instruction, is the Sunday-school. It has been the endeavor to develop the Sunday-school in such a way that the best possible instruction is given, while every effort is made to keep the blessings of the Christian day-school also before the Sunday-school workers. With this principle in mind, the Sunday-school is not limited to children of school age. Much emphasis has been laid upon the preschool and postschool ages.

That the Sunday-school is mistaken for a children's church is a difficulty still to be overcome. To consider the Sunday-school an institution independent of the congregation is a serious mistake, which has been generally overcome in our circles. It is gratifying to note the increasing seriousness on the part of pastors, teachers, and congregations in properly supervising and directing their Sunday-schools. Considerable progress has been made by congregational boards of education in evaluating the Sunday-school and developing it to best advantage for their conditions. More serious attention is being given to the proper housing, administration, and time of Sunday-schools. Yet very much remains to be done in this particular phase of Sunday-school development.

The sanest principles, the highest ideals, the most carefully pre-

pared literature may be nullified by unprepared teachers. Synod recognized the danger of placing non-Lutheran Sunday-school literature into the hands of the pupils. The danger of unprepared teachers has not as yet been as fully realized, though we again are grateful to report a growing interest in this respect. Very much has been done to increase the regular teachers' meetings and to make them more effective. Pastors have realized that, since they are unable personally to take over all the instruction, the Sunday-school teachers' meeting becomes one of the most important meetings next to the voters' meeting itself in the proper nurture of a Lutheran congregation. To what extent lay workers are active in our Sunday-schools will be seen from the following table:—

	1920	1925	1930
Sunday-school Teachers	9,553	15,282	20,174

Though the way has been opened through our Correspondence School, institutes, and training-classes, very much remains to be done to develop an army of well-trained lay workers, whose number is being increased by about one thousand annually.

Through District boards and school superintendents considerable progress has been made to clarify the objectives of the Sunday-school in conferences and circuit associations. Notably in the Western District circuit associations, with the superintendent and visitor taking the initiative, have added very much to the close cooperation between day-schools and Sunday-schools. There are fine possibilities still to be realized by many circuits in Synod through these occasional meetings. One of the foremost duties of the visitor is the guidance of elementary Christian education in his circuit. These associations offer him a splendid opportunity to discharge this important duty.

Your Committee has also given special attention to summer-schools or vacation Bible-schools, which we propose to designate by the name "Summer Bible-schools." At first a subcommittee studied this agency. The committee was then expanded to include two pastors to assist the secretary in the preparation of a manual for this institution.

B. The Work of the Secretary.

In 1927 our secretary was called "to fill the position of editor of the Sunday-school literature together with that of director of the Correspondence Course and that of acting secretary of the General Sunday-school Board." At the formation of the Board of Christian Education in 1929 he was designated by the Board as "Secretary of Sunday-schools," retaining the triple duty of his call.

As secretary he has prepared the programs for, and kept the minutes of, our meetings; carried on the official correspondence of your Committee; planned the directing policies of our work; represented your Committee and Board in essays, articles, conferences, and conventions; maintained the necessary contact with other boards

and institutions of Synod in such points as the Synod-wide Roll-call, Bible-study, and educational committees of the Walther League, unified editorial policy for our juvenile church-papers, planning of the educational program for, and lecturing in, summer camps; lecturing in the summer-school for pastors and teachers in St. Louis in 1931 and giving impetus to the summer-school for teachers in River Forest in 1932; studying and observing educational trends beyond our circles; collecting, filing, and indexing a considerable working library of books and periodicals for present and future use, etc.

As editor most of his time and attention was given to the preparation and improvement of our Sunday-school literature. Since January, 1930, when the *Junior Bible Student* was turned over to him, all the periodical literature has been under his personal supervision. This includes *Concordia Primary Leaflets*, *Junior Lessons*, *Intermediate Lessons*, *Senior Lessons*, *Junior Bible Student*, and *Sunday-school Teachers' Quarterly*. Lesson Helps for the *Junior Bible Student* have also been supplied to the *Workers Quarterly* of the Walther League. (The *Bible Student* [for Seniors], also an official periodical of our series, is edited by Dr. Theo. Graebner and published by the Walther League.) In addition to the quarterlies, *Lessons for Beginners* were finished and published in 1931.

The publication of these periodicals requires the preparation of seven pupils' lessons each week and teachers' helps for six of these lessons, or an average of thirteen lessons.

In addition to the regular periodicals the *Lektionsbuch fuer Schule und Haus* was published for German Sunday-schools in 1930. Christmas, Easter, Reformation, and Rally Day services were either written or edited. The *Catechism Lessons* of Dr. G. Mezger were revised in periodical and book form. The periodical form was discontinued at the end of 1930. A third edition of the book was prepared in 1931.

Considerable preliminary work has been done on the following proposed publications: *The Lutheran Sunday-school*, a handbook for pastors, officers, and teachers; teachers' manual for *Lessons for Beginners*; an English parallel to *Lektionsbuch fuer Schule und Haus*, a pupils' edition and a teachers' edition; a manual of Lutheran summer Bible-schools; lessons for the adult Sunday-school; a study of week-day religious instruction.

Pastors K. Kretschmar, A. C. Mueller, R. R. Caemmerer, and L. Braeunig wrote certain quarters of the *Junior Bible Student*. Since August 1, 1931, Rev. Braeunig has done much of the editorial work on the *Junior*, *Intermediate*, and *Senior Lessons*.

As director of the *Correspondence School* the secretary gave impetus and direction to the training of Sunday-school teachers wherever possible. *Outlines of Lessons for Correspondence Courses*

for Sunday-school Teachers were revised with the assistance of Pastor R. R. Caemmerer and republished in 1930. The lesson papers were revised together with Rev. Braeunig in 1931. Considerable progress was shown in the growth and influence of the Correspondence School. A growing number of congregations pay the tuition-fee for their teachers. The highest enrolment at any time was reached in March, 1932, when 330 students were enrolled. The reports of students were regularly corrected, graded, and returned. The proper certificates and diplomas were issued when students had completed the courses. Two special services observing the graduation of large classes of students were conducted in Jehovah Congregation, Chicago, and one in St. John's Congregation, St. Louis. Since February, 1930, Pastor R. R. Caemmerer and since August, 1931, Rev. L. Braeunig has been assisting in the correction of students' reports.

The Correspondence School has been self-sustaining from the beginning, paying the expenses of printing and postage and contributing regularly to the wages of our office stenographer. Considerable expansion may be expected as soon as additional courses, urgently needed, can be offered. An elementary course for present and prospective teachers has been in preparation for some time. Other courses have been outlined.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that Synod acknowledge its gratitude to God for its system of parochial schools and commend pastors, teachers, congregations, Districts, educational and mission boards, and all others responsible for, and engaged in, its up-keep for their interest and zeal;

2. That Synod encourage all who are timid and hesitant, and earnestly implore all who are indifferent or negatively inclined, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the sake of His precious lambs and the welfare of congregations and the Church in general, to take the establishment of Christian schools seriously in hand at once and follow the good example of others and of our forefathers, whose principle was: A school for every church;

3. That a renewed effort be made in all parts of Synod, by all its members and officials, not only to stop the present decline of the schools, but to expand the school system so that it will adequately cover the large field;

4. That mission boards, both District and general, be encouraged to contribute liberally toward the establishment of schools, as some are doing already;

5. That adequate care and improvement of all our educational agencies be striven for in order that they may be brought to the peak of efficiency, but that none of these be allowed to take the place of

the best possible, to wit, the regular Christian day-school, or be depended upon as a satisfactory substitute for it;

6. That the Saturday-school or summer-school, or both, be more widely used in congregations having only a Sunday-school.

7. With regard to the other agencies, especially the Sunday-school, we recommend that a conservative-progressive policy be continued:—

a. That we continue to give the Sunday-school its due attention;

b. That we develop the Sunday-school with, for, and around the Christian day-school.

c. That much more attention be given to the preschool and post-school ages;

d. That continued and increased attention be given to the preparation and training of Sunday-school teachers, so that they will become intelligent and efficient supporters of the whole program of elementary Christian education and of the Christian day-school in particular;

8. That the needs of elementary education be regarded as an important determining factor in planning the curricula of our colleges, normals, and seminaries.

CONCLUSION.

We want to call Synod's attention to the work of our two secretaries, Mr. A. C. Stelhorn and Rev. Wm. H. Luke. Both have devoted themselves untiringly to their duties, and the reports of their activities, which they regularly submitted to us, as well as our direct observation of their work shows us that both have programs the execution of which requires full-time workers. We therefore take pleasure in acknowledging our grateful appreciation of the faithful and efficient service which our secretaries have rendered us and the Synod at large.

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* Since August, 1930, successor to the Rev. Marcus Wagner, who because of illness was reluctantly released from the Board and whose faithful and efficient service as chairman of the Committee on Schools is herewith gratefully acknowledged.

The Board of Christian Education presented also the following memorial:—

Closer Amalgamation of Synod's Board of Christian Education.
(Memorial 202.)

At its last convention, Synod amalgamated the then existing School Board and Sunday-school Board and established the present Board of Christian Education. Synod resolved that this board organize itself into subcommittees, each taking charge of one or more agencies; that each subcommittee have regular meetings in order to discuss and solve its own special problems; that the entire board meet at least twice a year. (*Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Regular Convention*, p. 71.) In accordance with these resolutions the Board organized itself into two subcommittees: the Committee on Schools, consisting of the Chicago and Milwaukee groups, and the Committee on Sunday-schools, composed of the St. Louis group. These committees held regular monthly meetings, and the entire Board met twice every year during the past triennium. The location of the offices of the two subcommittees and the two secretaries, Mr. Stellhorn and the Rev. Mr. Luke, remained unchanged in Chicago (Oak Park) and St. Louis, respectively.

After three years of experience we are of the opinion that the members of your Board of Christian Education should all be situated in or near one locality. It should always be the duty of this Board to promote our schools by furthering their cause with all efforts and means at its disposal and to guide and direct the other agencies under its jurisdiction into their proper channels, so that they may best serve the Church. This, we believe, can best be accomplished by maintaining one board and one office in one and the same locality.

We therefore believe that all the members to be elected on the Board of Christian Education should live in close proximity of its office. That would make it possible for the entire Board to meet regularly and frequently. Past experiences have shown this to be desirable and even necessary in order to bring the various agencies into their proper alinement and to avoid possible misunderstandings and delays, which under the present arrangement are almost inevitable.

In view of the foregoing we suggest that the Board of Christian Education consist of nine members: three pastors, three teachers, and three laymen, all living within reasonable distance of the Board's office. In addition, each one of the faculties of our theological seminaries and normals should be required to elect a representative from among their members who as an advisory member should attend the Board's regular meetings at least twice each year in order that the desired contact and relationship between our systems of elementary and higher education be maintained. If the office of the Board of

Christian Education be located in the vicinity of one of our theological seminaries or normals, we suggest that one of the pastors or teachers designated above as regular members be substituted by a member of the faculty of said institution, the selection of this member to be left to the faculty of that institution.

Respectfully submitted by

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The General Teachers' Conference submitted a memorial (No. 203), setting forth the fact that in many places there is a deplorable lack of the necessary concern for the parochial school. It pointed out that barely 40 per cent. of our children attend a parochial school and dwelt on the dangers connected with this situation. The memorial continues:—

What can be done on the part of Synod to counteract this danger?

The first thing that is necessary is that we realize the true situation and the dangers connected therewith. The fact that we have already started on a down-grade is clear and cannot be denied nor explained away by all sorts of excuses. We have to look the situation squarely in the face. Only if we have honestly recognized conditions as they are, can we plan on ways and means for improvement. Little will be accomplished if Synod again declares that it is officially in favor of parochial schools. The point is to reach the individual pastors and the congregations that are negligent in this respect.

For this purpose it is necessary, in the first place, that Synod impress upon all Districts in the most urgent manner their duty to apply themselves with great earnestness to the cause of the Christian school. Synodical officials should be instructed to improve every opportunity to plead the cause of the Christian day-school in the most decisive manner. This, of course, implies that for synodical offices only such men should be elected as are known to be friends and promoters of the parochial school. Again, the electoral boards should be earnestly instructed to call only such instructors for our synodical institutions as take the right attitude in the school question. Moreover, the faculties of our theological seminaries should be encouraged to awaken enthusiasm in their students in an increasing measure for the Christian school. Furthermore, our church periodicals should constantly arouse the consciences of pastors and congregations and to remind them of their duties to the youth. Finally, Synod should through its officials urge all Christians in our midst to do their full duty with regard to parochial schools. In short, let Synod employ all available means to further its school system.

The teaching *personnel* of Synod as represented by the above-mentioned conference approaches Synod with the urgent and hearty petition to prosecute this matter with all its power, so that our school system may be made what it should be, to the glory of God's holy name and the welfare of the Church and many immortal souls. This is a burning question, which does not only affect our Synod of our day, but will also have an influence upon its future.

Respectfully submitted by

THE COMMITTEE:

W. WEGENER, *Vice-Chairman.*

C. H. MEIER.

The Davenport and Rock Island circuits presented the following resolutions in the interest of the parochial school: —

Concerning the Christian Day-School.

(Memorial 207, A.)

WHEREAS, The Christian day-school has been fostered as an integral part of church-work by Synod since its inception; and

WHEREAS, The Christian day-school is the best-known means of indoctrinating the youth of the Church and of aiding parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, The Christian day-school is a most important factor, yea, is essential, in building the Church of Christ, in that it keeps the youth of the Church within the Church to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, The Christian day-school has been used with marked success as a mission arm in the establishing of new congregations; and

WHEREAS, The interest in this great and blessed institution seems to be waning in many quarters of our Synod and the majority of our missions are started without this nursery of the Church, simply because it is deemed impossible or impracticable to start such a school; and

WHEREAS, A Christian elementary education is a true basis for a Christian higher education; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition Synod not only to reiterate and reassert its stand toward the Christian day-school, but also to insist more and more on the founding and maintaining of such schools also in new mission-congregations and to use all its resources and agencies to the fullest extent to expand, strengthen, and improve its Christian day-school system everywhere.

Furthermore Committee 6 had several unprinted memorials to consider, which advocated the consolidation of the offices of the School and the Sunday-school Secretary (Nos. 58 and 82) and the endorsement of this plan by the Board of Directors (Memorial 601, B, 7), also the following suggestions as to teacher-training: —

A Summer-School for Lutheran Teachers at River Forest.

(Memorial 206.)

WHEREAS, There is a constant need among teachers for continued systematic study with a view to professional growth in order that they may the more successfully meet the problems arising in their work in school and congregation; and

WHEREAS, The number of teachers who have sought help for the successful performance of their work in secular institutions has been increasing from year to year; and

WHEREAS, A number of conferences have adopted resolutions favoring the establishment of a summer-school at one of our own synodical institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is the prerogative of Synod to educate its own church-workers (pastors and teachers), and a grave danger to the Church might develop if Synod should not continue to carry on this work and have it fully under control; and

WHEREAS, A committee, at the instance of the General Teachers' Conference, has made preparations for a brief summer-school for 1932 because it appeared to be an unusually opportune time to begin such work; and, finally,

WHEREAS, The establishment of the summer-school at River Forest this year has the endorsement of the faculties of River Forest and Seward, of the Board of Control of River Forest, and of President Pfotenhauer; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask Synod kindly to ratify the giving of a brief summer-school course this year at River Forest, from June 27 to July 2, in the manner described in the "Prospectus and Regulations of the Managing Board"; and be it further

Resolved, That we ask Synod to empower the Faculty of River Forest to continue this movement and to expand it gradually until a full summer-school of six weeks has been established, if the demands and the facilities permit.

Respectfully submitted by

THE FACULTY OF RIVER FOREST AND ITS BOARD OF CONTROL.
W. C. KOHN. ALEX ULLRICH.

A Course in Sunday-School Teaching and Management in Our Teachers' and Theological Seminaries.

(Memorial 205.)

Synod devotes much labor, time, and money to the training of young men (and women) for teaching in parochial schools, the very best institution for bringing up our children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

According to available statistics our parochial schools reach only about 40 per cent. of the children who receive religious instruction

in our Church. The other 60 per cent. are, and in many instances have to be, satisfied with the religious training received in the Sunday-school.

Since the Christian — and the *official* — duty of our pastors and our parochial-school teachers extends not only to those children who attend their schools, but, as far as their time and strength permit, to all children with whom they can establish a legitimate teaching contact; and since the Sunday-school has become definitely established and offers a large opportunity for moderate religious instruction of less fortunate children (and may also be used as an effective recruiting station for the Christian day-school), we are of the opinion that all our candidates for the teaching profession and for the holy ministry should receive expert and specialized instruction in Sunday-school organization, management, and teaching in order that they may render more efficient and more valuable service in organizing and supervising Sunday-schools and in training others for teaching in such Sunday-schools.

Our Teachers' College in River Forest has been awake to the situation and has offered a special course on "organization and administration, literature, and methods of instruction in Sunday-schools" for several years; but we find no such courses listed (or indicated) in the catalogs of our other finishing-schools. We therefore petition Synod to instruct the boards of all our finishing-schools to include in their curriculum adequate courses in the subject of this overture.

We consider this especially necessary in the case of our theological seminaries, since most of our pastors *must* avail themselves of the Sunday-school as the chief agency in the instruction of children at a time when they are still young and inexperienced and when they can, as a rule, not avail themselves of the help of teachers trained for such work.

Respectfully submitted,

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} Committee.

Committee 6 brought in the following report on these memorials, which was *adopted* by Synod: —

To this committee were assigned various memorials dealing with the work of our School Board. Your Committee has studied the record of work done by the School Board in both of its sections — parochial and Sunday-schools — and commends these boards, and particularly Secretary A. C. Stellhorn and Secretary William Luke, for the conscientious and effective manner in which they have performed the

duties of their respective offices. Both sections of the Board, the Committee on Schools and the Committee on Sunday-schools, have worked harmoniously, emphasizing for each department sane principles and high ideals. In the general improvement of our work, both in the Christian day-school and in the Sunday-school, we see the blessing of our Lord on the work of this Board and of its secretaries.

In order further to simplify the work of this Board, a number of memorials recommend that the Board hereafter function as one body, both with reference to parochial schools and other agencies of childhood training. Your Committee has carefully studied these memorials and makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the Board of Christian Education consist of nine members: three pastors, three teachers, and three laymen, all living within the same area.

2. That, in order to secure the desirable guarantees for a strong, unified policy, both as to the day-school and the Sunday-school and other agencies, the functions of the Board be amalgamated by assigning to the entire Board the supervision both of our parochial- and Sunday-school work.

3. That the Board elect from a list of candidates nominated by our congregations an executive secretary, whose field of activities shall be our entire work of Christian childhood-training under instruction of the Board. Until such action the present Secretary of Schools shall continue in his office.

4. That the office of an editor for our Sunday-school literature be retained and that vacancies in this office shall be filled by the Board of Education.

5. That Synod not only reiterate and reassert its stand toward the Christian day-school, but also insist more and more on the founding and maintaining of such schools also in new mission-congregations and to use all its resources and agencies to the fullest extent to expand, strengthen, and improve its Christian day-school system everywhere.

6. With regard to the other agencies, especially the Sunday-school, we recommend that a conservative-progressive policy be continued:—

- a. That we continue to give the Sunday-school its due attention;
- b. That we develop the Sunday-school wherever possible with, for, and around the Christian day-school;

- c. That continued and increased attention be given to the preparation and training of Sunday-school teachers, so that they will become intelligent and efficient supporters of the whole program of elementary Christian education and of the Christian day-school in particular.

7. That the needs of Christian education be regarded as an important determining factor in planning the curricula of our colleges, normals, and seminaries.

Report of Board for Young People's Work.

(Memorial 403.)

Since the report made to Synod three years ago the Board for Young People's Work has held twenty-six regular monthly meetings and one special meeting with other boards whose work concerns the welfare of our Lutheran youth.

During the past years your Board has consistently endeavored to enlarge its field of service and to improve its methods of direction and supervision. To this end we have now succeeded in establishing and maintaining with committees in nearly every District of Synod a contact and exchange of ideas which have proved to be mutually helpful. With the whole-hearted cooperation of the Walther League and of District committees for young people's work our supervisory machinery seems to be functioning fairly well.

For the discussion of common problems and improved coordination of effort we arranged a *joint meeting* with representatives of other boards and committees engaged in related activities. The following delegates were present: Rev. Wm. Luke and Rev. Paul Koenig, of the Board for Christian Education; Rev. L. Meyer, Director of Publicity; Rev. E. Umbach, Executive Secretary of the Walther League; Rev. A. Merz, of the Juvenile Literature Board; Mr. A. A. Grossmann, of Concordia Publishing House; Prof. W. G. Polack; Superintendent A. C. Stellhorn, of the Board for Christian Education; Mr. W. F. Weiherman, Junior Secretary of the Walther League. The greater portion of the sessions was devoted to a discussion of the Boy Scouts. A round-table conference on the subject, in which all participated, adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that, in order to prevent losses to our Church, we sanction the organization of Lutheran Scout troops under the following conditions:—

"1. All objectionable features must be removed.

"2. The troop must remain under Lutheran control and leadership."

A prepared statement by Superintendent A. C. Stellhorn and several theses by Dr. Graebner formed the bases for the discussion. Superintendent Stellhorn dissented from the majority opinion favoring the resolutions.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Statistical and other reports from synodical District committees were requested and received. Such matters as were considered especially useful were mailed to other committees for adoption or adaptation. Items gleaned from the reports of District committees include the following cautions and suggestions:—

1. A congregation should not delegate its responsibility toward its

young people entirely to some other organization. Constant vigilance on the part of the congregation is necessary.

2. The Christian day-school through its thorough indoctrination is a powerful agency in keeping our youth with the Church.

3. On account of its far-reaching possibilities, young people's work should be carried on with great diligence and intelligent direction.

4. The regular reading of our church periodicals and of other wholesome literature by our young people should be continuously encouraged.

5. *Christenlehre* and the organizing of Bible classes for young people were recommended.

6. Numerous other communications recommended Bible classes, home devotions, Christian day-schools, sound indoctrination, special church services for young people, growth in spiritual knowledge, etc.

7. Young people are urged to organize societies and to join the Walther League.

WALTHER LEAGUE.

Our field of supervision and direction includes the work of the Walther League and its activities. With the League officials we have maintained a regular contact and have cooperated with them through exchange of delegates at meetings of the respective boards. The response of League officials to our suggestions has invariably been prompt and cordial.

In order to extend and improve young people's work throughout the Synod, we have urged the synodical District committees to give their full cooperation to the Walther League district boards. In some Districts the contacts are very close, being established through joint officers. In others the committee has meetings several times a year with the Walther League boards. In several instances there is a regular exchange of minutes, questionnaires, reports, bulletins, circulars, etc. In a limited number of instances no contact exists at present, but we have reason to believe that this condition will be remedied in the near future.

ROLL-CALL.

One project undertaken und completed during 1931 was the Synod-wide Roll-call. We do not recall where the idea of the roll-call originated. It may have come from the Walther League. Be that as it may, the Board for Young People's Work assumed the official sponsorship, and with the valuable assistance of Synod's statistician and the Walther League carried it through to completion. A tabulation and an analysis of the results, together with several conclusions, were prepared by the chairman of the Board, Dr. Graebner, and published in the *Lutheran Witness* of June 9, 1931. More than 1,600 reports were received from pastors, and the number

of confirmed in their congregations for the five-year period was 77,764; our losses were 2,883. This meant a loss, during five years, of one and a half for every five congregations per year. The reasons for the losses were classified under separate headings. On the basis of the findings it is entirely reasonable to conclude —

1. That the oft-heard charge that a great part of our young people drift away from their Church soon after confirmation is not true;

2. That the best guarantees for retaining our young people in faithful allegiance to the Church are —

- a) A membership so consecrated to the task of Christianity that an atmosphere is provided in which the youthful souls may flourish and grow into fine, loyal Christian characters;

- b) A Christian day-school.

Several correspondents have suggested that a similar roll-call be conducted annually and that the period be extended from five to ten years. The material for the roll-call of 1932 was mailed from the statistician's office in January.

INVESTIGATION OF THE DANCE.

During the early part of 1931 the Board for Young People's Work initiated an investigation of the dance. The investigation, which has not yet been completed, is an attempt to determine whether the following oft-heard charges are true: —

1. That dancing is practised in our congregations without disciplinary check by the pastor or the congregation;

2. That in many localities practically all young people dance;

3. That pastors and teachers generally avoid the subject in pulpit and school;

4. That dancing is no longer regarded as sinful.

To our questionnaires on the subject we have thus far received about 250 replies. Tabulations, though incomplete, give the following apparently valid percentages: —

More than 96 per cent. of the pastors attempt to place a disciplinary check on dancing; 2.85 per cent. declare that dancing is not generally practised in their localities; 3.97 per cent. preach against dancing as a sinful amusement.

WALTHER LEAGUE.

In communications received from District committees we note a very general approval of the Walther League. We believe that the League is a powerful agency in advancing the work of our Church among our young people. For this reason we are ready to endorse the League, its problems, and its worthy aims. Synod will do well to lend its support and facilities to the advancement and expansion of the Walther League.

JUNIOR ORGANIZATIONS.

During the past three years your board was primarily concerned with the problem of junior organizations: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, Camp-fire Girls, and Hi-Y. Particularly in recent years the subject of junior organizations was frequently discussed in local congregations and in conferences of pastors and teachers. There was, and still is, a considerable variety of opinions about them. By resolutions adopted three years ago the matter was assigned to this Board for study and report. The instructions as given at that time have been carried out. A pamphlet embodying the report was distributed among conferences of pastors and teachers, with the request that the report be studied and that our Board be informed as to the reception of our recommendations.

Responding to the request, conferences in various sections of the country sent written opinions. Our findings and recommendations relative to Hi-Y and Girl Reserves were unanimously approved. As to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts there was, however, no such unanimity of sentiment. At one extreme we find some groups that adopted our recommendations *in toto*. At the other, a much larger number, we find those who rejected unequivocally our report on the Boy Scouts. Among the latter there was included a formal resolution which declared that Lutheran boys who hold membership, or continue to hold membership, in Scout troops will be barred from the Lord's Table. Between these extremes there are graded shadings of approval and disapproval.

Since the publication of the pamphlet our study of the problem has continued. There has been meanwhile an exchange of letters with conferences and with headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America. In one of his communications the chairman of our Board enumerated some twenty-five objections which he found in letters received from pastors and conferences. Most of these objections dealt with the dangers of unionism and unionistic services for Scouts. To what extent Scout officials attempted to remove these objections is probably best indicated by citing from official Scout literature or correspondence: —

"It is not only unwise and ill advised for a local council to undertake to interfere in any way with an institution's management of its own troop, but it has also no authority to do so." (*Policies and Regulations*. Interpretations, 6.)

"The policies upon which the Board has made its recommendations will be consistently observed by the Boy Scouts of America, both locally and nationally. We will appreciate your cooperation in helping us to see that this is done." (From letter received by Dr. Graebner from Mr. Wyland.)

"... We have assumed to give leadership to union Protestant services, and in this, I believe, our practise must be revised. . . . We must also avoid inviting the ministers of these churches [Missouri Synod] to participate in union services. . . . Our understanding of these principles and our strict adherence to such policies will save a great amount of misunderstanding and offense to certain exclusive religious bodies, which do not participate in union religious services on any occasion. . . . This correspondence . . . will undoubtedly be the occasion of the development of literature on this subject in order that the policies involved may be understood by all our executives." (From letter of Mr. Wyland to Scout executive regarding our opposition to union Scout services. Carbon copy in BYPW files.)

"Our troop never participates in any general meetings of Scouts which are of a religious or interdenominational nature." (Missouri Synod pastor.)

Let it be said that all communications, especially formal resolutions, received adequate review and consideration. It is possible that some of the opposition is due in part to a lack of information which only we had in possession.

In view of the variety of opinions which the discussion has evoked and on account of the genuine anxiety which troubles the mind of conscientious pastors and other leaders, we are convinced that Synod must eventually take final and decisive action in the matter.

If the junior organizations (Boy Scouts) are inherently so vicious in purpose and program that membership warrants excommunication, then the Boy Scouts should not be tolerated anywhere in the Missouri Synod, and disciplinary action must be taken against those congregations in which troops are organized, maintained, or tolerated.

If the view prevails that Scout troops may be organized and conducted with certain precautions and reservations (some even now approved by Boy Scout officials), then the matter can be left to the decision of the local congregation, which is best qualified to judge its own local and peculiar conditions.

In fairness to Scout officials at headquarters we beg leave to add that they have consistently shown courtesy, understanding, and willingness to make concessions.

With reference to the invitation of our boys to participate in unionistic services, a willingness to meet our demands is voiced in the correspondence quoted above. (In practise even the troops now existing in our congregations have only in exceptional cases had reason for complaint on this score.) We have the assurance of the Scout authorities that the interpretation of the "oath" in our preliminary report finds their approval. What remains is that the program of Scouting be definitely cleared of specific religious objectives in order that the objections be met which have been set forth in our report. (See also

Secret Empire, pp. 217—223.) At the time when this report was filed for inclusion in the *Reports and Memorials* pamphlet, negotiations were still pending.

The section of this report which deals with the Boy Scout matter has been mailed to those conferences which sent us opinions dissenting from ours.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

M. J. ROSCHKE, *Secretary*.

The report of *Committee 7* regarding this memorial was *adopted* by Synod in the following form:—

1. WHEREAS, The Board for Young People's Work has held twenty-seven meetings during the past three years and has established contact with committees in nearly every District of Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That we compliment the Board for its faithful and intelligent application to the duties imposed upon it by Synod; and be it further

2. *Resolved*, That we concur in the principles and recommendations of the Board that—

a. A congregation should not delegate its responsibility toward its young people to some other organization, constant vigilance on the part of the congregation being necessary;

b. The Christian day-school through its thorough indoctrination is a powerful agency in keeping our youth with the Church;

c. The regular reading of our church periodicals, particularly of our official synodical organs, and of other wholesome literature by our young people should be continuously encouraged;

d. *Christenlehre* and the organizing of Bible classes for young people are recommended.

3. WHEREAS, Young people's work should be carried on with great diligence and intelligent direction on account of its far-reaching possibilities; and

WHEREAS, The Walther League is a very helpful agency in the advancement of this work in our Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we earnestly urge all our congregations to organize young people's societies, if they have not already done so, and that we reaffirm Synod's endorsement of the Walther League and its worthy aims; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the close and whole-hearted cooperation between the Synodical District Committees for Young People's Work and the respective Walther League district boards; and be it further

4. *Resolved*, That we commend the sponsoring of the Synod-wide Roll-call and suggest that a similar project be undertaken by the Board for Young People's Work every five years and covering a period of ten years.

Regarding that part of the report of the Board for Young People's Work which refers to *Junior Organizations*, and regarding unprinted Memorials 70 and 87 concerning the *Boy Scout Movement*, Committee 7 brought in the following report, which was *adopted* by Synod:—

WHEREAS, We agree with the Board for Young People's Work that Synod cannot endorse the Boy Scout Movement in its present state; and

WHEREAS, We must acknowledge the willingness of officials of this organization to remove objectionable features; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board for Young People's Work be requested to continue its study of this and similar organizations.

III. MISSIONS.

A. Missions in General.

Committee 8, a *General Committee on Missions*, which had met with the various committees on mission-matters in the interest of coordination and cooperation, had to consider a proposal of the Board of Directors to combine certain missions of the General Body with the Home Missions of the respective Districts (Memorial 601, A, 7. 8a). Memorial 312 had advocated the same plan.

Consolidation of Various Mission Boards and Missions.

(Memorial 312.)

The undersigned proposes —

1. That the various mission boards of Synod, with the exception of the Board for Foreign Missions, be consolidated into one Board;

2. That such missions as are conducted by Synod within the territory of one or more of Synod's Districts be given over to the respective District or Districts to be conducted in accordance with the principles governing our Home Mission work.

Reasons for the first proposal: —

a) Better coordination of the various missions;

b) Great curtailment of expenditure in money and energy.

Reasons for the second proposal: —

a) A District can better exercise supervision over the missions in its midst than Synod; for example, a mission in California can be supervised more easily by a board in that State than by a board residing in Chicago.

b) It will mean a large saving of expenditure in money and man-power.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JANSSEN.

Regarding this proposal, Committee 8 brought in the following recommendation, which was *adopted*:—

To eliminate the boards for *Foreign-tongue Missions, Jewish Missions, Indian Missions, Seamen's Mission, and Immigrant Missions* and to transfer these missions to the District in which the work is done. Should such an arrangement make subsidies necessary, these should be provided through the proper channels of Synod.

Concerning the proposal of the Board of Directors (Memorial 601, B. 4) with regard to the disposition of the property rights and funds of the *Lutheran Immigrant Society of New York*, the committee proposed, and Synod *resolved*:—

That the disposition of the property rights and funds of the Lutheran Immigrant Society of New York, Incorporated, be left to the Board of Directors and the Atlantic District for adjustment.

Concerning the *Immigrant Mission in Western Canada* (Report of Board of Directors; Memorial 601, B, 5) it was *resolved* that the office of the Executive Secretary to this Board be discontinued, but that the work be carried on as recommended above.

In Memorial 601, A, 8b, the Board of Directors had advocated the appointment of a *Secretary of Missions*, while Memorial 311, submitted by the One-day Conference of St. Louis, recommended the establishment of a National Board of Missions with a full-time director of missions. Upon recommendation of Committee 8 Synod *resolved*:—

That the Board of Directors be authorized to appoint a full-time Secretary of Missions, whose duty it shall be to gather, and furnish to the proper authorities, information on all missions of Synod in order that our missions may be conducted in a more uniform and efficient manner.

Another matter considered by Committee 8 was brought before Synod in Memorial 608:—

**Omitting General Church Extension from the Budget
and**

Making Loans from the Present Fund to Districts Only.

(Memorial 608.)

1.

WHEREAS, It appears that the General Church Extension Fund, being included in Group B of the budget, in late years receives but little; and

WHEREAS, At the present time the fund amounts to more than \$1,250,000, which appears sufficient for loans to subsidized Districts; and

WHEREAS, The synodical budget should not greatly exceed expected receipts; and

WHEREAS, It appears illogical and unreasonable for self-supporting Districts first to remit contributions to the Board and then to borrow them back; therefore

We recommend to the Synod in convention in Milwaukee, 1932,

That in future the General Church Extension Fund *be omitted* from the synodical budget.

2.

WHEREAS, At present, the endorsement of the District President and the District Church Extension Board or of the District Mission Board is required before an application for a loan can be granted, which makes them morally responsible for the loan without adequate control; and

WHEREAS, Thorough investigation in every individual case throughout Synod is difficult and cumbersome for the General Board and can well be done by the District officials; and

WHEREAS, An entire District is better security for loans made by the synodical board than individual congregations or mission-stations; therefore

We recommend, That in the future loans from the General Fund be made only to Districts of Synod as specified in the "Regulations for the Board" (*Proceedings*, 1929, p. 80); and

That the paragraph "C. Loans to Congregations" in said "Regulations" be stricken.

GETHSEMANE EV. LUTH. CHURCH, DETROIT, MICH.

F. A. HERTWIG, *Pastor*. F. W. KLEINSCHMIDT, *Secretary*.

Endorsed by BETHLEHEM EV. LUTHERAN CONGREGATION,
SAGINAW, MICH.

The recommendation of the committee concerning the first part of this memorial was *adopted* by Synod: —

That, owing to the present abnormal conditions, Church Extension be omitted from the budget; however, only up to such time when the properly constituted body (*i. e.*, the Fiscal Conference) finds it feasible to reinstate it.

As to the second proposal in Memorial 608, it was *resolved*, upon the recommendation of the committee: —

WHEREAS, Synod has resolved that the Board of Directors be empowered to elect a Secretary of Missions, whose duty it shall be to gather, and to furnish to the proper authorities, information on all missions of Synod in order that our missions may be conducted in a more uniform and efficient manner; be it therefore

Resolved, That action on Memorial 608, 2, be deferred at this time in order to give the Church Extension Board and such other boards of Synod as may be affected the advantage of the survey which has been made and will be made in the future.

Regarding the *publications* issued by the Board for Missions among the *Blind and Deaf*, the report of the Board of Directors (Memorial 601, B, 6) brought in certain recommendations, concerning which the resolutions submitted by Committee 8 were *adopted* by Synod:—

That all publications issued by, and in the interest of, Deaf-mute and Blind Missions be subject to the same censorship as all our publications; and

That the Board of Directors, together with the Deaf-mute and Blind Mission Board, study the size and distribution of these publications and see to it that such distribution is in full keeping with the practise of our Church.

B. Various Missions.

Report of the Board of Home Missions in North America.

(Memorial 301.)

With deep gratitude to the Lord of the harvest the undersigned submit to Synod their triennial report. All our missionaries engaged in His service have not only been privileged to be His witnesses in thousands of fields in our own country as well as in Canada, Alaska, and Mexico, but in their labors they have also enjoyed His divine blessing and His constant protection. Yea, what is more, our work in the past three years has experienced a remarkable growth and made noteworthy progress. Next to the grace of God, we believe this to be due to two significant factors. In the first place, Synod several years ago adopted a policy of expansion for missions, primarily Home Missions. It instructed all the mission boards to devote themselves more intensively to the quest for the unchurched in our country and simultaneously granted to the numerically small and weak Districts larger allowances. Two years ago this commendable measure was followed by the so-called Call of the Hour. Upon the recommendation and under the supervision of Synod's Mission Committee a movement was launched to make the Lenten season a missionary season, in other words, to have pastors during this season stress the missionary obligation of their members, to exhort them to a special Lenten thank-offering, and to enlist their services in a canvass of the surrounding territory for mission material.

Though approximately only fifty per cent. of our congregations

participated in this movement, yet it proved a powerful incentive to a united and consecrated effort in mission activity within many of our congregations. Both pastors and parishioners were thereby inspired with new zeal for gaining the lost for the Kingdom. In rural as well as in urban communities, especially in the large industrial centers of our country, a considerable number of new fields were explored, in many of which promising missions were begun, which were supplied with the necessary men. In addition to the spiritual benefits accruing from the Call of the Hour the sum of \$200,000 was collected for special missionary purposes. Also during the past Lenten season the Call of the Hour was again taken up and properly emphasized by Synod's officials and given due publicity in our synodical periodicals. At the time of this writing it is not yet known what has been achieved this year. Since the Call of the Hour has proved a strong factor for creating and stimulating interest in missionary endeavors, we hold that Synod would render the kingdom of God a distinct service if it would recommend its adoption to all our congregations.

During the past triennium we have dispensed to the following Districts and missions the subjoined sums:—

Alberta and British Columbia District	\$120,850.00
Atlantic District	30,000.00
California and Nevada District	60,000.00
Colorado District	57,700.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan District	92,221.60
North Dakota and Montana District	54,000.00
Oklahoma District	29,000.00
Ontario District	11,625.00
Oregon and Washington District	73,000.00
Southern District	56,000.00
Southern California District	28,000.00
Texas District	77,000.00
Alaska Mission	8,800.00
Cuba Mission	5,199.31
Mexico City Mission	3,000.00
Expense of Board	429.75

Total	\$706,825.66
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This sum is \$166,956.43 in excess of what our Board used for the same purpose during the previous triennium. This shows that Synod has realized the importance of Home Mission work. Conscious of the fact that Home Missions are, and must remain, our first and foremost concern and that only by a strong and well-established mother Church at home we can fulfil our mission obligation to the teeming millions of the lost in foreign lands, Synod's Board of Directors raised our Budget for the fiscal year 1932, granting us \$40,000 more than in the previous year, in all, the sum of \$280,000. With this increased allow-

ance we had hoped to enlarge the place of our tents during the current year.

However, in view of the adverse economic conditions throughout our country and the tremendous deficit in our synodical treasury, Synod's Board of Directors resolved to cut the appropriations for missions ten per cent., to take effect immediately. This, of course, vitally affected our Board. Accordingly we informed all the chairmen of mission boards dependent upon our Board for support that beginning with the first day of April they would be obliged to accept the proposed reduction from their annual allowance. To what extent this will influence the progress of Home Missions, the opening of new stations, and the calling of candidates we cannot compute at the present time. It is the task of Synod to find ways and means to keep this blessed work of the Lord in a flourishing condition.

We believe that Synod should do its utmost to prevent a curtailing of Home Mission work. Though it must be conceded that Home Mission work has no longer the bright prospects it had when Lutheran immigrants came to our country in great numbers from abroad, yet even to-day we have abundance of mission material at our very doors. Among the millions of unchurched in our country there are still "many acres of diamonds," if only we will go out in search of them with prayerful hearts and devoted lives. Another factor not to be ignored or underestimated is that, while in former years there was in our Synod a great dearth of men to be sent into the fields white unto harvest, the Lord, in His grace, has to-day granted us a large force of well-trained and consecrated young men ready to gather in the sheaves, if only they are sent and assigned places in the Lord's vineyard. What we pastors, teachers, and also the lay members of our congregations need is the spirit of "Home Mission-mindedness" in a larger measure. If we are what we profess to be, living members of the body of our Lord, then we must prove the genuineness of our faith by zealously and persistently seeking the lost souls lying at our very doors, as our Master did in the days of His flesh. As soon as this spirit has thoroughly permeated all the members of our Synod, from the lowest to the highest, we shall be able to use all the men whom our seminaries can furnish us.

For the future administration of our Board we kindly petition Synod to sanction the following:—

1. That the annual budget for subsidized Districts shall no longer, as in the past, be fixed by the Mission Conference, but by Synod's Board of Directors upon the basis of detailed reports furnished it by the Board of Home Missions;
2. That the mission boards of subsidized Districts be required to report on a submitted questionnaire to the Board of Home Missions

STATISTICAL REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS FOR 1931.

Districts	Missionaries	Stations	MEMBERS			SCHOOLS				CONTRIBUTIONS		Subsidies Granted for 1931
			Baptized	Communi- cant	Voting	Day- School	Satur- day- School	Summer- School	Sunday- School	Home Purposes	Outside Purposes	
1. Alberta-British Columbia...	43	215	9,385	4,043	664	50	612	700	1,567	\$ 90,808	\$ 5,921	\$31,563
2. Atlantic	30	39	6,439	2,803	487	—	80	—	2,486	42,245	9,862	33,216
3. California-Nevada	36	68	4,306	1,626	358	33	92	30	1,547	114,079	17,545	41,309
4. Central	63	50	9,135	5,047	1,172	959	222	115	3,288	10,846	3,662	14,571
5. Central Illinois	25	49	1,761	1,071	273	166	81	25	688	18,187	5,261	15,499
6. Colorado	28	62	2,616	1,833	514	212	147	102	832	—	—	—
7. Eastern	24	39	3,199	1,687	745	85	45	89	1,149	80,912	4,136	44,733
8. English	41	45	6,775	2,702	588	68	106	245	3,196	29,499	5,304	26,168
9. Iowa	41	45	3,502	2,169	518	142	118	48	748	43,303	8,297	29,081
10. Kansas	42	50	4,726	2,355	713	282	211	128	1,284	26,661	4,853	37,105
11. Manitoba-Saskatchewan ..	40	150	9,339	4,986	1,065	136	876	352	1,331	69,493	10,954	35,638
12. Michigan	50	44	6,829	3,915	834	628	64	—	2,876	42,782	6,875	40,330
13. Minnesota	62	142	9,472	5,374	1,070	63	422	330	2,635	27,233	4,550	28,506
14. North Dakota-Montana ..	47	71	6,847	3,488	886	—	240	365	1,655	125,060	17,124	53,784
15. Northern Illinois	60	40	12,419	6,823	1,577	1,601	159	115	2,948	22,204	2,964	18,628
16. Northern Nebraska	29	26	3,097	2,053	553	299	225	69	483	24,897	6,008	16,877
17. North Wisconsin	30	69	4,969	2,628	624	54	10	180	1,492	10,904	2,204	15,818
18. Oklahoma	30	31	2,517	1,639	270	190	70	138	1,393	36,417	7,063	34,442
19. Ontario	16	29	1,637	915	270	—	71	—	387	13,465	3,441	17,481
20. Oregon-Washington	42	70	5,121	2,772	627	164	157	185	2,171	27,378	3,783	23,467
21. South Dakota	29	29	3,490	1,567	321	89	81	43	845	66,465	11,897	27,846
22. Southern	28	50	2,920	1,681	285	90	12	119	879	7,199	836	14,263
23. Southern California	36	34	5,060	2,207	529	244	21	65	1,807	41,229	7,977	23,630
24. Southern Illinois	19	25	1,011	652	140	69	42	23	326	43,004	7,420	21,340
25. Southern Nebraska	33	43	4,492	1,545	673	457	63	199	919	25,720	7,341	37,709
26. South Wisconsin	35	29	4,033	2,619	783	597	21	30	1,201	31,146	6,719	28,240
27. Texas	67	83	4,735	2,883	796	642	25	32	1,906	—	—	—
28. Western	53	79	4,090	2,436	717	194	123	103	1,198	—	—	—
Totals	*1,079	1,706	143,917	75,529	17,982	7,514	4,396	3,830	43,237	\$1,071,136	\$171,797	\$711,344

* Including 131 male teachers, 34 woman teachers, and 51 students.

twice a year (before the last day of April and before the last day of August) regarding the number and the salaries of their missionaries, their receipts and disbursements for both home and synodical purposes, and their prospective fields of labor;

3. That each monthly requisition of subsidized Districts for an allowance from our Board be accompanied by their treasurer's financial statement of the previous month;

4. That the synodical auditor, under the direction of the Board of Auditors, perennially examine the books and records of all subsidized Districts;

5. That the Board of Home Missions keep in close touch with all subsidized Districts, not only by correspondence, but also by visiting each District once in three years, either in person or by their representative.

In conclusion we beg you to study carefully the attached statistical report, furnished by our Synod's statistician. This gives you a vivid description and also a fair conception of the large volume of work done in behalf of Home Missions by both the twelve subsidized and also the remaining, self-sustaining Districts of Synod.

F. F. SELLE, *Chairman.*

E. F. SCHUELER, *Secretary.*

Committee 9 considered matters pertaining to this report and had given all those interested in this important mission-work an opportunity to represent their views on all pertinent subjects. The committee submitted the following *recommendations*:—

1. That Synod gratefully recognize the fact that also during the past triennium the work of bringing the light of the Gospel into the dark places of our continent has progressed—despite the depressing economic situation—under the undeserved blessing of the Lord.

2. That Synod express its appreciation to the Board of Home Missions for the conscientious and capable guidance given to our Home Mission affairs in North America.

3. That Synod go on record as submitting for the favorable consideration of the individual Districts the continuance of the Call-of-the-Hour Movement, setting aside the season of Lent for this purpose.—In submitting this recommendation, we call attention to the fact that great emphasis is to be placed upon community canvasses and that the special offerings raised through this movement are not intended to disturb the established financial system of any congregation.

4. That Synod deplore the necessity of curtailing the financial support afforded our subsidized Districts and that we view this step as challenging us to offset this financial loss by an increased zeal to

be active in personal mission-work in order that the cause of missions may not suffer irreparable harm.

5. That the annual subsidy for Home Missions from the Home Mission treasury for subsidized Districts during the next triennium be fixed by the Board of Directors upon the basis of detailed information made available by the Board of Home Missions and the Secretary of Missions.

6. That the mission boards of subsidized Districts be required to report on a submitted questionnaire to the Board of Home Missions twice a year (before the last day of April and before the last day of August) regarding the number and the salaries of their missionaries, their receipts and disbursements for both home and synodical purposes, and their prospective fields of labor.

7. That every monthly requisition of subsidized Districts for an allowance of subsidy be accompanied by the Treasurer's financial statement of the previous month.

Since the synodical Auditor is auditing the books of all boards receiving moneys from Synod, we recommend —

8. That the duties of the Auditor be extended to include a perennial examination of the books and records of all subsidized Districts, as far as they are related to the subsidies received from Synod.

These eight recommendations were *adopted* by Synod.

Recommendation 5 in the Mission Board's report, also endorsed by the committee, was *tabled* by Synod.

Report of the General Church Extension Board.

(Memorial 302.)

The General Church Extension Board, in making this report to Synod, is deeply conscious of the great trust that Synod has placed in the members of this Board by giving them custody over a fund of one and a quarter million dollars, to be safeguarded and used for the extension of the kingdom of God. We have tried, with the ability that God has given us, to fulfil this trust; we have prayed to God for guidance, and we hope that our activity has been such as will merit the approval of Synod.

During the last three years the net worth of the General Church Extension Fund has grown from \$1,165,957.58 to \$1,240,171.15. The growth was comparatively small, due to the small income from the budget of Synod. During 1929, 1930 and 1931 loans aggregating \$523,764.94 were made, of which 90 congregations were the recipients. The repayments from congregations during these three years have totaled \$409,984.43. During the past year our receipts from congregations have declined, and instead of remittances we received many

pleas for extension of time. In many instances it was quite evident that the congregations were absolutely unable to pay; in other instances your Board admonished congregations earnestly to make their payments. The amount of loans outstanding is now \$1,120,023.51, and the cash on hand is \$183,510.46. In order to know the actual strength of the Church Extension Fund, it is necessary to subtract from this cash balance the sum of \$37,000, which has been voted for loans, but which has not yet been paid out; and also the sum of \$58,690, which the Board has borrowed from individuals in Synod on demand notes and which will have to be paid out when demanded. Thus the actual cash balance available at this time without restrictions is \$87,820.46. During these three years 158 applications for loans reached our hands. The total sum requested was \$986,385.50. Ninety of these applications were granted. While your Board knows that it was a keen disappointment to those congregations whose applications were not granted, still it felt that synodical regulations must be observed, and good judgment must at all times be used. Some of the applications were denied because the loan could not be made in accordance with synodical regulations; a number of applications were denied because the purpose of the loan was to pay debts. Your Board felt that it should not make loans for the payment of debts, unless a congregation were in danger of losing its property, because at the present time a policy of making such loans would have emptied our treasury completely. We trust that Synod will approve this policy.

Your Board sustained the loss of one of its valued members when Pastor Wm. Hallerberg died on December 29, 1931. Pastor Hallerberg was placed on the Church Extension Board by Synod in 1917 and served with loyalty and faithfulness for nearly fifteen years. The vacancy caused by Pastor Hallerberg's death was filled by the Board, with the approval of the President of Synod, by the appointment of Rev. Martin Schaefer.

The business of the Church Extension Fund was carried on as economically as possible. The 1-per-cent. administration fee made on our loans is calculated to cover all expenses. During 1931, \$2,630.14 were collected in this way, and the cost of administration was \$3,101.87, including all legal fees, clerical and office expenses, interest, etc.

During the last few years the office of the General Church Extension Board has made a collection of forms for legal documents that are in use in the various States of our country, and the repeated use of these forms has saved, and will save, Synod a considerable sum of money in legal expenses.

The amounts loaned to various Districts of Synod are as follows
(April 1, 1932):—

Alberta and British Columbia	\$29,932.54
Argentine	—
Atlantic	53,387.38
Brazil	2,250.00
California and Nevada	32,841.38
Central	30,285.00
Central Illinois	9,900.00
Colorado	39,923.00
Eastern	54,390.00
English	164,652.50
Iowa	18,472.75
Kansas	9,853.18
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	59,159.44
Michigan	48,010.00
Minnesota	47,493.10
North Dakota and Montana	47,087.60
Northern Illinois	8,225.00
Northern Nebraska	35,205.00
North Wisconsin	8,527.15
Oklahoma	15,250.00
Ontario	11,050.00
Oregon and Washington	76,245.00
South Dakota	23,075.00
Southern	33,710.00
Southern California	56,210.00
Southern Illinois	—
Southern Nebraska	21,282.25
South Wisconsin	62,500.00
Texas	52,147.98
Western	69,385.26
Europe	7,575.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,128,775.51</i>

A perusal of the above figures will raise the question why there is such a difference in the amounts held in the various Districts and why some Districts have received so much more than others. The answer is that the Districts which seem to have been favored were the ones that made the most requests. The General Church Extension Board has followed the policy of lending money where the need seemed greatest and without any attempt at strict apportionment according to the population of the different Districts. However, the Board feels that a certain balance should be maintained, and efforts have been made to treat all Districts with perfect fairness.

The suggestion has been made from various sources that some kind of arrangement should be made for the financing of parsonages

in mission-congregations. According to present regulations, parsonages may be financed only in emergency cases. The Board has defined an emergency as a case where no dwelling could be found for a pastor, and this view has been approved by the conference of Mission Board representatives. If loans were made for parsonages to save the rent, the entire Fund could quickly be utilized for this purpose. However, the amount of money paid for rents by our mission boards is very large. If sufficient capital were available, the rent money would pay for parsonages during a term of years, and a great saving would be effected for our mission boards. The General Church Extension Board has discussed a plan to engage in a kind of building-and-loan proposition by borrowing money from members of Synod at approximately 4 per cent. interest, giving as security participation certificates in the mortgages against the parsonages and collecting the amount lent out, with 6 per cent. interest, in accordance with the system used by the building and loan associations. While the General Church Extension Board has not taken any definite stand in the matter, Synod's committee may discuss the proposition and after a consultation with mission-board representatives may encourage or discourage the General Church Extension Board's suggestion of the plan.

A comparison of the amount of money requested during the three years with the amount granted during the same period will enable Synod to forecast approximately the amount of money that may be needed during the next three years. A survey of present conditions in our mission-work would impel us to ask Synod for a very large amount of money in order to satisfy the many requests which undoubtedly will reach us during the next three years. However, we are mindful of the financial stringency which is halting Synod's activities on every hand, and we do not have the courage to make a request corresponding to the opportunities which will be presented to us. Our present cash balance, if made available from the Synodical Treasury, will probably suffice to carry us through 1933. We should like to ask Synod to place the General Church Extension Fund on the budget for \$50,000 in 1934 and \$150,000 in 1935. We trust that by that time conditions will have improved to such an extent that we can hope to receive these amounts in full, so that at least a part of the requests coming to us may be considered favorably. The Board respectfully requests Synod to make this appropriation.

FREDERIC NIEDNER, *Chairman.*

With reference to this report, Committee 9 presented its *recommendations*, which were *adopted* by Synod in the following form:—

1. That Synod express its keen regret at the loss suffered by the General Church Extension Board through the death of a faithful member, Pastor Wm. Hallerberg;

2. That Synod voice its hearty appreciation of the efficient manner in which the General Church Extension Board has carried on the work entrusted to it;

3. That Synod approve the adopted policy of the General Church Extension Board whereby no loans are made to congregations for the purpose of liquidating debts, with the possible exception of extreme cases, where there is serious danger of the congregation's losing its property. — It is our understanding that also in these exceptional cases the stipulations of regulations governing the Board are observed;

4. That Synod approve the inaugurated policy of the General Church Extension Board of printing a full list of loans made, according to Districts, and declare itself in favor of having this policy continued;

5. That Synod authorize the General Church Extension Board to create a Building and Loan Fund for the purpose of loaning moneys to mission-congregations which desire to finance the erection or the purchase of a parsonage in order to eliminate wasted rent payments. The following points are to be observed: —

a. The moneys invested in this Building and Loan Fund shall be kept in a fund entirely separate from the General Church Extension Treasury, but are to be administered by the members of the General Church Extension Board.

b. Money shall be borrowed at a low rate of interest from members of Synod and loaned to congregations at the current rate of interest.

c. The necessary regulations to govern this phase of activity on the part of the General Church Extension Board as well as all necessary details shall be worked out by the members of the Board in consultation with their legal adviser and submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Report of the Student Welfare Committee.

(Memorial 303.)

The Student Welfare Committee elected by the General Body in June, 1929, met at Chicago, Ill., November 12, 1929, and organized, Pastor Paul G. Schmidt being chosen chairman and Pastor Albert C. Bernthal secretary-treasurer.

The Church's work among the students attending non-synodical institutions of higher learning was brought before our people in articles that appeared in the *Lutheran Witness* and in the *Lutheraner*.

While the Student Welfare Committee met as often as the work demanded, only one conference of university pastors was held. An annual conference had been resolved upon to be called during the second week in November; but due to the shortage of funds in Synod's treasury the conference was twice called off after consultation with the Ven. President of Synod.

At the conference of university pastors which met at Chicago November 12, 1929, pastoral work among students in its various phases was discussed, and much helpful information was exchanged. A discussion on the status of the Student Welfare Committee led to the drafting of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That all phases of Student Welfare Work should be united in the hands of the Student Welfare Committee and be under its sole guidance and control, except as otherwise provided by Synod.

Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of the publication of the *Lutheran Student*. No action was taken in the matter by the conference. At a later meeting of the Student Welfare Committee, however, this project was given extensive consideration. Your Committee was not inclined to sponsor the publication of a Synod-wide student periodical, for these reasons: 1. The cost of publishing and mailing such a publication would exceed \$2,500 and thus go far beyond the annual appropriation given to Student Welfare Work by the General Body. 2. The Student Welfare Committee believed that a student periodical such as was contemplated would be read by comparatively few of our Lutheran students, as experience has shown, and that therefore the publication would be practically ineffective.

The District mission boards were urged to assume the responsibility for the spiritual care of students attending institutions of higher learning within their respective Districts, particularly where there is no regularly organized congregation to take charge of the work.

The Student Welfare Committee feels that the Student Welfare Work has not progressed as far as might have been expected, due largely to the fact that the pastors engaged in student work are scattered all over the country and the expenses of traveling to and from university pastors' conferences are so great that it is out of the question to have the pastors pay their own transportation. Such items ought to find place on the synodical budget.

The annual census taken under authorization of the Student Welfare Committee did not reveal the total number of Lutheran students enrolled at universities and other secondary schools. The returns on the questionnaire sent to all pastors of Synod were very unsatisfactory, due perhaps to a misunderstanding of the purpose of the questionnaire. The figures of the census of 1931 follow:—

Total "out-of-town" students	672
Total Valparaiso students	157
Total "local" students	1,153
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Total of all students reported	1,982
Number of pastors to whom cards were mailed	2,650
Number of pastors returning student list	1,172

The names and addresses of all Lutheran students reported to your Committee were sent to the university pastors and others in the immediate neighborhood of the college town as well as to the mission boards of Districts where the college town was located far from any Lutheran church.

The Student Welfare Committee desires gratefully to acknowledge the services of the Hospice Secretary of the Walther League, Pastor J. H. Gockel, who placed the facilities of his office at the disposal of your Committee in taking the annual student census.

By virtue of its office, created by the Church, the Student Welfare Committee has the *spiritual* welfare of Lutheran students at heart and holds that the first and foremost duty of every student welfare worker is to see to it that their charges attend the divine services of their Church. All other activities should be made subservient to the great task of conserving our Lutheran youth at non-synodical institutions for consecrated service in the kingdom of God.

THE STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE.

PASTOR PAUL G. SCHMIDT, *Chairman.*

EDGAR J. FRIEDRICH.

PASTOR ALBERT C. BERNTHAL, *Secretary.*

Regarding Student Welfare Work, Committee 9 brought in the following *report* with its *recommendations*:—

1. That Synod gratefully recognize the work accomplished by the Student Welfare Committee despite the handicap of a lack of sufficient funds to carry through its intended program;

2. That Synod declare itself to the effect that the spiritual care of our Lutheran students at colleges and universities is an extremely vital part of the work of the Church in conserving her strength and deserves the prayerful consideration and energetic support of our entire membership, both lay and clergy;

3. That Synod acknowledge as her own opinion the resolution recently adopted by the Student Welfare Committee and incorporated in the overture, namely, "that all phases of student welfare work should be united in the hands of the Student Welfare Committee and be under its sole guidance and control, except as otherwise provided by Synod";

4. That Synod enable its Student Welfare Committee to carry out, in part at least, its duties by appropriating the sum of \$1,000 annually during the next triennium;

5. That Synod ask her members to give to the Student Welfare Committee to a greater degree than heretofore the cooperation which is essential in obtaining the names of our Lutheran students and the schools in which they have enrolled;

6. That Synod extend a vote of appreciation to the Hospice Department of the Walther League for its services in connection with taking the annual student census.

Recommendations 1, 2, 5, and 6 were *adopted* by Synod, while Recommendations 3 and 4 were *rejected* (the latter with the understanding that the present Synod had resolved to make no appropriations, but that the Fiscal Conference has the power to fix the necessary budget).

Synod also *resolved* that the Student Welfare Committee be instructed to use its influence to the end that all students under its care may be led to make the best possible use of their talents or training in the interest of the work of the Church.

Report of Board of Home Missions in South America.

(Memorial 304.)

During the past three years your Board of Home Missions in South America has had proof positive of the truth of the promises of our Savior-King: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," and: "Upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In spite of the uncertainty of conditions the work in Argentina and Brazil has prospered and borne fruit. By the grace of God perfect harmony prevailed among the members of our Board. Much to the regret of the Board, Mr. Otto Wieting, because of business conditions and lack of time, saw himself obliged to resign as a member of your Board. In his place Mr. C. G. Strieder was appointed by our venerable President, Dr. Pfotenhauer.

Regular meetings were held each month. Special meetings were held as conditions demanded. Your Board was privileged to have the valued counsel and advice of Dr. Pfotenhauer at several meetings. Meetings were also held with those of our men who are on furlough. Thus your Board received direct and oral reports of our work in South America, which reports were of great value to us.

Pursuant to a resolution of Synod passed in 1929 your Board, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, elected a new professor for our college in Porto Alegre, *viz.*, Prof. Carl Rupp. We beg leave to report that the vacancy then existing in Buenos Aires has been filled. The Rev. E. Jauck has been called to this large city and is working there very successfully.*

How God has blessed and prospered our work in South America becomes evident as we read the following detailed reports.

* *Re* special representative and adviser for Brazil (cf. *Proceedings of 34th Reg. Conv.*, p. 85) we beg to state that this recommendation of Synod was not carried out since all attempts to secure a man who was to spend a greater length of time there were unsuccessful. With the consent of the Board of Directors no further attempts were made.

Argentina.

It is indeed with deep gratitude to God and with a keen sense of the privilege granted us that we are making the following report relative to our work in Argentina.

Your Board has been in active and constant communication with the officials, boards, and individual men in this field and desires to say that the relations existing between these men and your Board have been very cordial. We have enjoyed the complete confidence of the men in the field and there was whole-hearted cooperation between us and them. Due solely to the blessing of God we can report very fine progress made in this field.

The preaching of the Word of God has borne fruit; for there is an increased and intensified love and zeal for the Savior and His work in the various congregations. A review of the work shows not only an inner spiritual growth, but also an increase in numbers, as we see from the statistics. Nineteen men now serve 83 congregations and preaching-stations (an increase of 13), ministering to approximately 8,000 souls and 4,000 communicants and instructing 650 children in 17 schools. The value of the church property is approximately \$80,000 in U. S. currency. Three of the parishes are self-supporting. Our college at Crespo, where we have two professors and one assistant, will graduate its first class of teachers this year. In addition to serving the congregation in Buenos Aires the Rev. E. Jauck does Immigration Mission work.

President G. Huebner of the Argentine District, while here on furlough during the past year, met several times with your Board and also gave illustrated lectures in various sections of our Synod on our work in Argentina. He has returned to his field of labor in Argentina.

On his way to the United States he spent two months of his furlough in Chile on a tour of exploration. Conditions do not seem to warrant the beginning of work there immediately, but the field is to be watched closely for a possible opening and expanding of our work in this South American country.

At the present time Pastor G. O. Kramer is in the United States on furlough after fourteen years of faithful and conscientious service in our mission-fields in Argentina.

During the past year five new men have been sent to labor in Argentina, three from the United States and two from Germany. The two from Germany went there as vicars and after a year's work passed their examinations and remained there. At the time of this writing efforts are being made to secure additional men from Germany. Your Board has made several attempts to obtain men from the United States, but was not successful.

One of our faithful and consecrated workers, Pastor Wolff, while in the United States on furlough, was urgently counseled by your Board to resign his charge in Argentina because of illness in his family and to accept a call to a congregation in the United States. Reluctantly he did this and is now working faithfully in one of our congregations in this country.

With the consent of the officials of the Argentine District and the Mission Board of said District, Teacher Groth, who was sent to Argentina to guide the District in its parochial-school matters, tendered his resignation and returned to the United States.

In 1930 the Argentine District celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the work in Argentina. Special services were held throughout the District, and the Call of the Hour was brought to the attention of the congregations during this celebration.

May God continue to bless our Church and its work also in this mission-field!

Brazil.

This is the thirty-second year of our Synod's mission-work in Southern Brazil. It is the nineteenth year of the Brazilian District. The little mustard-seed planted by Pastor Broders and first watered by Pastor Mahler has by God's grace grown to be a robust tree. The first mission was founded in Southeastern Rio Grande do Sul. In that state many congregations have been added. The work was extended northward into the state of Santa Catharina, then farther northward into Parana, and now northeastward into the states of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Espirito Santo. The last three states form the ocean line of Central Brazil. Thus a veritable chain of missions has sprung up from Southern Rio Grande do Sul to Espirito Santo, a distance of over one thousand miles.

Fifty-three pastors minister to twenty-one thousand baptized members. Thirteen synodical teachers with forty-two male assistants and six woman assistants instruct twenty-four hundred pupils in Christian day-schools. The missionaries are dedicated to their work, laboring with love and zeal for the cause of Jesus Christ. Many of them are working under trying conditions.

A marked inner growth is to be noted. Church attendance has generally improved, Christian life is more evident, and laymen are becoming interested and begin to put their hands to the plow. Young people are thankful to God for being Lutheran Christians. Contributions are constantly on the increase. The pastors are untiring in their labors.

It is deplorable that, despite the sacrifices brought by pastors, traveling over rough roads and weary miles on muleback, some

preaching-stations show comparatively little spiritual and material progress. They are the places which the missionary can reach only a few times a year. Little sowing, little fruit! For this reason some of the pastors lament the lack of an automobile, which would make it possible for them to double and triple their visits and hours of service at those outlying stations.

We rejoice in the blessed work of Central Brazil. Two and a half years ago Pastor E. Schmidt followed a call to a group of five new congregations in the state of Espirito Santo. It is the second group to support its pastor independently. In both the German and the Portuguese languages the work has taken on such a volume that the young pastor must have another man's help very quickly.

Since January, 1929, Pastor Hasse is stationed in Rio de Janeiro, the two-million capital of Brazil. He is working ardently and successfully in both languages, publishing the *Mensagem Lutheran* there, and has often preached over the radio. The foundation for a fine Lutheran congregation has been laid there. Extensive mission-work among immigrants is also a large task of the pastor.

The city of Sao Paulo, the harbor of which is the well-known Santos, has a population of more than a million. Pastor Hasse traveled the four hundred miles from Rio to that city every two months and established missions there. In October, 1931, Pastor Klenke, a recent graduate of Springfield, has been called to take up the great work there. He rejoices that the Lord of harvests has placed him in such a ripe field. Pastor Hasse still comes to preach in the vernacular. Nuclei in various sections of the metropolis, in the suburbs, and farther in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo have been established, which hold out hope for a number of goodly congregations. Preaching in the English language has also become a necessity in that city. A missionary at large is urgently needed for this territory.

The seminary at Porto Alegre has proved a valuable means of furthering the cause of Christ in South America. Five professors are constantly preparing young men for the ministry. Of the fifty-three pastors in the District thirty-nine are graduates of that school; also the thirteen synodical teachers. Besides, the seminary has sent out five vicars and a ministerial candidate, all active in the service. Three candidates from Zehlendorf, Germany, are expected to enter the Brazilian mission-field in the very near future.

The *Kirchenblatt*, *Mensagem*, *Kinderblatt*, and *Lutherkalender* are publications of the District.

A petition has come to the Board of South American Missions from the District Mission Board of Brazil asking for autos for those

missionaries to whom such conveyance seems necessary and advantageous in their work.

Your Board of Missions for South America has neither authority nor means to meet said petition. Consequently it presents the document from Brazil with necessary explanation to the respective committee on overtures for its consideration and recommendation to the synodical convention.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

F. G. MIESSLER, *Chairman*.

LEO SCHMIDTKE, *Secretary*.

H. F. ROHRMAN, *Treasurer*.

E. V. HASERODT.

T. W. STRIETER.

C. G. STRIEDER.

Pertaining to this report, Committee 10 submitted the following resolution, which was adopted by Synod:—

WHEREAS, Synod has been approached with the request to furnish automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Road conditions in South America, for the most part, make the use of automobiles impossible; and

WHEREAS, The prices for automobiles in South America are prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Board has the power to purchase automobiles for missionaries in very rare emergency cases; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod at this time make no special appropriations for the purchase of automobiles for the missionaries of South America.

The following *general resolutions* regarding the South American missions were adopted by Synod:—

1. That Synod commend its missionaries in South America for their zeal and unselfish labors, which under God have resulted in gratifying progress of the work;

2. That Synod encourage its missionaries to continue in their labors with unabated efforts;

3. That Synod call upon all its members to implore God for His further blessings upon this promising mission;

4. That Synod express to the Board for Missions in South America its appreciation of the board's painstaking and unselfish labors in behalf of these very important missions;

5. That Synod encourage all congregations in South America to make every possible effort to become self-sustaining as soon as possible.

Rev. Kramer and Mr. H. W. Horst were given an opportunity to address Synod in behalf of the South American missions.

Memorial 411 contained a request of the Brazil District that Synod reconsider its resolutions of 1926 (page 177) and of 1929 (page 89) that letters and memorials from the two South American Districts should first be submitted to the respective boards before they are submitted to Synod. It was held that these resolutions are in conflict with the constitution, which states that advisory members "may, the same as voting members, make overtures to the Synod."

Committee 10 brought in the following *resolution* on this matter:

WHEREAS, Synod's resolutions of 1926 and 1929 do not curtail the right of the individual to present overtures and communications to Synod, but require the missionaries to let such overtures and communications pass through the hands of the respective boards, not for their approval or disapproval, but for their information; therefore be it

Resolved, That, since there is no conflict between the resolutions of 1926 and 1929, on the one hand, and the *Synodical Handbook*, on the other hand, it is unnecessary to reconsider and rescind these resolutions.

This was *adopted* by Synod.

Unprinted Memorial 78 mentioned that it has frequently happened in our South American missions that unionistic assemblies or community churches apply for pastors in our circles, thus involving the question of affiliating with, and subsidizing, people of a different faith. The memorial asked for a statement of principles by which missionaries might be guided.

The following *resolutions* submitted by Committee 10 were *adopted* by Synod:—

WHEREAS, Synod has been memorialized to lay down rules and regulations to be observed when unionistic congregations and community churches apply for pastors and missionaries; be it therefore

Resolved, That the rules and regulations of the *Synodical Handbook*, page 138, apply not only to North America, but to South America as well; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors serving such churches be cautioned against rigoristic and legalistic practises; and be it further

Resolved, That pastors and missionaries handle such matters in a thoroughly evangelical spirit.

Unprinted Memorial 80 was a petition that Synod build a *chapel at Rio de Janeiro*.

The following *resolution*, submitted by Committee 10, was *adopted*:—

WHEREAS, An appeal is made that Synod build a chapel or church in Rio de Janeiro; be it therefore

Resolved, That Synod remind the mission at Rio de Janeiro first to exhaust its own resources to raise funds for this purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod's Board of Directors be authorized to assist this mission in its effort to erect a suitable chapel.

Memorial 616, a request of the Argentine District for an *annual subsidy* of \$15,820 during the next triennium, was taken care of by the general resolution that the budget will be fixed by the Fiscal Conference.

Jewish Missions.

(*Memorial 308.*)

Your Board for Jewish Missions respectfully submits the following report to Synod.

This important work of Synod has been conducted also in the past triennial period, from April, 1929, to April 1932, with fidelity, but with increasing difficulties and handicaps. It is by far the most difficult mission-work. Modernism among the liberal Jews and the bitter propaganda waged by the Jewish newspapers make the work exceedingly difficult; however, the Jew must continue to have his chance, the Word must be preached, and the results must be left to God. In addition to our mission in New York we also have a Jewish mission in St. Louis since September, 1930, and one in Chicago since May, 1931.

Statistics of work done from April, 1929, to April, 1932, by *Missionary N. Friedmann* of New York, N. Y.: 1) 132 sermons were preached to a total attendance of 2,025; 6 sermons were delivered in New York and Philadelphia in behalf of Jewish Missions. 2) 1,341 families were visited; 972 mission interviews were held in Jewish homes. 3) 1,153 interviewed the missionary either in the chapel or at his home. 4) 833 Catechisms, 421 New Testaments, 2,862 copies of *Sche-erith Isroel*, and 1 Bible were distributed gratis. 5) 336 New Testaments were sold to Jews, 280 lent on deposit of the purchase price of the book. 6) 1,206 copies of *Sche-erith Isroel* sent by mail. — *Mrs. Bertha Ritter*, April, 1929, to April, 1932. 1) Called on 16,110 Jewish families, gained admission with 3,444; induced 181 families to grant Missionary Friedmann a hearing in their homes. 2) Distributed gratis 6,639 copies of *Sche-erith Isroel* and 2,431 New Testaments. 3) Sold 365 Catechisms.

Summary of work done September, 1930, to April, 1932, by *Missionary Kenneth Frankenstein* in St. Louis, Mo.: 1) 17 sermons were preached in St. Stephen's Church and other churches; 2) 6 lectures were delivered on Jewish Missions. 3) 60 radio sermons were delivered over KFUD. 4) 1,168 calls were made. 5) Extensive distri-

bution of literature, especially of the tract "Why I Became a Christian," by Alexander Schaap.

The subcommittee, in its meeting held March 15, 1932, passed the following resolution: "In view of the fact that prospects for the future are becoming favorable and that our missionary has gained valuable experience, we make a plea to Synod to permit Jewish Mission work in St. Louis for another triennium."

Summary of work done May, 1931, to April, 1932, by *Missionary I. Schwartz* in Chicago, Ill.: 16 sermons were preached to a total attendance of 75 persons; 25 catechetical instructions held with 8 under instruction; 29 sermons and lectures delivered for the Mission. Called upon 877 persons; 22 interviewed at the missionary's home. 17 hospital visits were made; the missionary dealt with 65 patients. 74 gospels and Bibles were distributed and 478 tracts, pamphlets, and copies of *Sche-erith Isroel* distributed gratis.

Your Board recommends the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the New York Jewish Mission be conducted in the same quarters which have served for this work for the past twenty years.

Your Board recommends that Synod approve of the calling of Missionaries Kenneth Frankenstein for St. Louis and I. Schwartz for Chicago and include the necessary appropriations in the budget for the next three years.

May God continue to bless our mission-work among the Jews!

Respectfully,

J. H. C. ALBOHM, *Secretary*.

Regarding this report, Committee 11 *recommended*:—

First, since Synod has resolved to eliminate the boards of Foreign-tongue Missions, Jewish Missions, Indian Missions, Seamen's Mission, and Immigrant Missions and to transfer these missions to the District or Districts in which the work is done, we recommend to continue the subsidy for the Jewish Missions in New York, St. Louis, and Chicago until Synod's resolution takes effect.

Secondly, we recommend to grant the request for the further use of the same quarters for the Jewish Mission in New York.

Thirdly, we recommend to approve the calling of missionaries Kenneth Frankenstein for St. Louis and I. Schwartz for Chicago.

Action.

The *first* recommendation was *adopted*.

The *second* recommendation was referred to the Atlantic District.

The *third* recommendation was referred to the respective Districts in which these missionaries are working (Northern Illinois and Western Districts).

Report of Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind.

Your Board for Missions to the Deaf and Blind herewith tenders its report for the past three years. By the grace of God the work in these missions has gone forward. Four new missionaries were added, so that the total number of workers under the direction of the Board is 22, including the assistant of the missionary to the blind and Rev. Wm. Gielow, director of the Ev. Luth. Deaf-mute Institute in Detroit, Mich., a part-time worker. One field, Pittsburgh, was consolidated with Brooklyn, Detroit, two new fields were created, Indiana and Texas, and one old field, San Francisco, was again supplied with a man.

About 170 preaching-stations, with a voting membership of 285 and approximately 1,400 communicant members, a net gain of 82 in 1931, are being served. The annual reports show that a great amount of work has been done by our missionaries. Annually about 1,700 services were held, and over 1,000 periods of instruction and 4,500 calls were made. And we must remember that this work requires considerable traveling and that this mission is in a class by itself. Many of our men carry on mail-mission among isolated deaf.

As to the work among the blind, the following can be said. Rev. A. H. Kuntz, the missionary to the blind, is editor of the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*, a periodical published in English Braille, with subscribers in every State of the Union and in 20 foreign countries. The total number of addresses on the mailing-list is 1,342. Rev. O. C. Schroeder, besides serving the deaf schools of the South and Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., is editor of periodicals for the blind published in Moon, German and Spanish Braille, mailed to 19 countries. He is also editor of the *Deaf Lutheran*, official organ of the Deaf and Blind Missions. 2,322 letters were received and answered by him.

Work in Canada was discontinued, except in Winnipeg, because of the great expense connected with it. The Board feels that the placing of a man in Canada under prevailing conditions would be a burden to the treasury.

Seven of our 19 head stations have chapels, and 5 have parsonages. The need of a chapel in Omaha, Brooklyn, and St. Louis is at present being strongly advocated. We hope the General Church Extension Fund will see fit to make loans to these mission-places.

Your Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind would appreciate the opinion of the Synod on the Ephphatha Conference to be held at Duluth, Minnesota, July 22—26, 1932. It would cost about \$400 to \$500 to hold this conference. What does Synod advise?

The Treasurer's report shows that in 1930, \$56,544.33 was disbursed and in 1931, \$56,168.30.

For 1933, according to present needs, including the 10-per-cent. cut and less the anticipated income of \$3,000 from collections and contributions, the budget ought to be placed at \$48,188 for the following items:—

Salaries	\$29,808.00
Rentals	6,700.00
Traveling Expenses	5,500.00
Traveling Expenses for Board	200.00
Postage and Stationery	250.00
Interest on Loans	30.00
Printing <i>Deaf Lutheran</i> and Mail-Missions..	2,200.00
Blind Missions	6,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
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	\$51,188.00
Less	3,000.00
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	\$48,188.00

We hope your committee will make a strong appeal for this amount. May God continue to bless also these missions!

Respectfully,

H. A. GAMBER, *Chairman.*

With reference to this report, Committee 11 brought in its *recommendations*, which were *adopted* in the following form:—

First, we recommend that Synod instruct the Board for Deaf-mute Missions together with Synod's Board of Directors to fix the budget and also readjust all salaries in a manner which is fair and just to every missionary.

Secondly, concerning the placing of a new missionary in Canada, your Committee recommends that under the prevailing conditions additional man-power cannot be sent to Western Canada, thus concurring in the opinion of the Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind.

Thirdly, whereas the deaf-mute congregations are not able to give the security demanded by Synod's regulations, we recommend that Synod instruct its Board of Directors to make special concessions in granting loans from the General Church Extension Fund to these congregations for the erection of chapel-parsonages wherever in the opinion of the Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind and to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors such are necessary.

Fourthly, referring to the unprinted report of the Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind concerning the general conference of the missionaries to the deaf and blind, we recommend—

a. That this conference, known as the Ephphatha Conference, be not held this year due to prevailing economic conditions.

b. We further recommend that Synod resolve that all conferences of workers in the Deaf-mute Missions be held only with the full approval of the Board of Directors.

Fifthly, referring to a recommendation from Committee 8 pertaining to a course in sign-language at Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, we recommend the following:—

WHEREAS, A knowledge of the sign-language would enable local pastors to serve isolated deaf-mutes more regularly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, The traveling expenses of our missionaries to the deaf-mutes would be considerably reduced; and

WHEREAS, Your Committee is of the opinion that a course in the sign-language could be given with little or no additional expense, therefore we

Recommend, That instruction in the sign-language be given at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Report of Board for Indian Missions.

(Memorial 300.)

Your Board for Indian Missions herewith tenders its report for the past three years. We may report that by the gracious assistance of the Lord of the Church a gradual, but steady forward movement in this mission has been made. The work among Indians in open reservations cannot be restricted to the Indians. Wherever we have congregations and preaching-stations among the Indians, we are also receiving into membership such as cannot be served by white congregations. This is true of Red Springs, Oneida, Neopit, and Morgan Siding. Speaking therefore of members and communicants, we find that in each of these congregations and preaching-stations also quite a number of white persons are included.—Herewith we submit a brief report on all stations and congregations served.

The Boarding-School at Red Springs, Shawano Co., Wis.

At this school Indian children are taken care of for about eight and a half months. The children come from many different localities. The majority are Stockbridge and Oneida Indians. At the present time (March, 1932) our enrolment is 126 children, 59 boys and 52 girls boarding and 9 boys and 6 girls attending as day-pupils. Rev. O. W. C. Boettcher is the superintendent of the boarding-school. Under his supervision there are three teachers, and the necessary help is employed at the dormitory. Two deaconesses are employed this year as matron and assistant matron. In 1930 a new heating-plant was installed in the dormitory at a cost of \$3,252.56. In the near future the roof on the dormitory will have to be replaced. The cost will be about \$1,000.

Red Springs Congregation. Rev. O. W. C. Boettcher, Missionary.

The report of our missionary at the end of this triennium shows 129 souls, 79 communicants, 22 voting members; of these 6 voting members, 23 communicants, and 34 souls are white. Ministerial acts

during the triennium (1929, 1930, 1931): Baptisms of children, 45; of adults, 1; confirmed, 30 children and 6 adults. Contributions in 1931 for outside purposes, \$67.05; for home purposes, \$239.47. The congregation contributes \$100 towards the pastor's salary. This is the second year the congregation has contributed this sum towards the pastor's salary. Services are conducted regularly every Sunday. The members keep the Church in necessary repairs.

Keshena, Menominee Indian Reservation, Shawano Co., Wis.
Rev. O. W. C. Boettcher, Missionary.

This is a new station. Work was begun here in February, 1931. Services are held every second Sunday afternoon at the Government school. The attendance so far has been very small, averaging about four to five adults; at times also some children attend the services. On Tuesday evening the authorities of the Government school have given the missionary permission to conduct an hour of classes in religious instruction. We have an enrolment of 40 children, mostly pagans, ten to eighteen years old. The work is very difficult, and no fruits of the work of a year can be reported aside from this, that the missionary has made some headway in gaining the confidence of these poor heathen children, and a few are showing more interest in the Gospel-truths.

Oneida, Wis. Rev. C. Aaron, Missionary.

At present this congregation has 175 souls, 86 communicants and 21 voting members. An appreciable increase over 1929 may be reported here in souls, communicants, and voting members as well as in the attendance at the parochial school. The present enrolment of the school is 41 pupils, of whom eight are whites; of the Sunday-school, 17. During the past three years the following have entered our Church: by confirmation, 16 children, 4 Indians; adults, 17, 1 white; by baptism, 26 children, 11 Indians; 1 adult Indian. In the past years a student from one of our institutions has been in charge of the school. Services are conducted regularly in Oneida as well as in some of the homes in the neighborhood. The growth of the congregation and school will in the near future necessitate a church-building. During the past two years the members have contributed \$75 towards their pastor's salary; here also quite a number of white families are included in the membership of the church. Ten of the voting members are white.

Neopit and Morgan Siding, Shawano Co., Wis.
Rev. L. Dau, Missionary.

On the first Sunday in September, 1930, Rev. L. Dau entered upon his duties as missionary at these two preaching-places. They were separated from Red Springs because the Board for Indian Missions held that Rev. Boettcher was overburdened because of his duties as

superintendent at the school, so that he could find very little time to carry on the work in this field. Since the first Sunday in September, 1930, Rev. Dau has labored here, regularly conducting services and the Sunday-school at both stations. At neither of these two places has a congregation been organized. Services have been held in schoolhouses. But at Morgan Siding, through no fault of our missionary, the schoolhouse was closed for our use, and he is now conducting services in a private home. The offerings taken up at the services are sent to the treasurer of our Board and are used towards defraying the expenses of the stations. For Morgan Siding Rev. Dau reports 66 souls and 30 communicants; average attendance, 25; Sunday-school pupils about 30; for Neopit, 10 souls and 7 communicants; average attendance at services 15; Sunday-school pupils, 6.

Tomah, Wis. Rev. C. C. Gutekunst, Missionary.

In conjunction with the South Wisconsin District provisions have been made to serve the children at Tomah by conducting a Sunday-school and giving catechetical instruction. Since Tomah is a Government institution, only a certain time is allotted us in which to do this work. About 90 Indian children are placed under our care, some of whom are being prepared for baptism and others for confirmation. — Efforts have also been made to conduct services in the surrounding country and to start preaching-stations. Plans are also under way to bring the Word of God to older Indians living in this section of the State. Rev. C. C. Gutekunst has since October, 1930, baptized 16 children and confirmed 5. He also serves two small white congregations at Necedah and Miner, Wis., which are connected with the South Wisconsin District.

The Yakima Reservation in Washington.

Rev. F. Geiswinkler, Missionary.

For a number of years our attention has been directed to Indians living in the eastern part of the State of Washington. The Mission Board of the Oregon and Washington District has repeatedly urged us to place a missionary in this reservation. Action was taken in this matter at the convention of the General Body in 1929. A sum of money was set aside for the proposed mission in the Yakima Reservation. In the fall of 1930 two members of the Board, Revs. O. Neumann and Wm. Jaeger, explored this reservation, and on the strength of their report steps were taken to call a missionary for this field. Finally the Board succeeded in obtaining a missionary in the person of Rev. F. Geiswinkler, who in August, 1931, began work there. He reports many difficulties are confronting him in this field. It has become necessary to permit him to serve also some white missions until he has become better acquainted with the Indians and has

gained their confidence. The Mission Board of the Oregon and Washington District should have entire supervision of this field.

The station Quinney, Wis., east of Winnebago Lake, has been discontinued for lack of attendance at the services held there. Arlington, Cal., is taken care of by a white congregation.

In the *Proceedings* of the convention of 1929 the following recommendations were made to the General Body and acted upon:—

A. RED SPRINGS, WIS.

1. That the present dormitory be enlarged by the adding of a second story and that Synod grant \$15,000 for this purpose;
2. That Synod grant \$11,000 for changes in the heating and plumbing system;
3. That it grant \$1,000 to enlarge the school;
4. That it grant \$1,200 for equipment of the enlarged dormitory;
5. That Synod instruct the Board for Indian Missions to call a permanent teacher and allow \$5,000 as a maximum for a teacher's dwelling;
6. That the Board call a second missionary for this field.

Of these resolutions only No. 6 has been carried out. Rev. Dau has been placed in charge of Neopit and Morgan Siding. The other resolutions of Synod, upon the advice of the Board of Directors and according to the resolutions of Synod, have been held in abeyance since the necessary funds were lacking.

B. ONEIDA, WIS.

Synod resolved in 1929 that \$1,500 be granted for enlarging the present parsonage and also to erect a church at Oneida.

The parsonage at Oneida has been enlarged as per resolution of Synod. The church, however, has not been built since funds were not available.

C. QUINNEY, WIS.

Efforts at Quinney have been made, but the work has again been discontinued.

D. TOMAH, WIS.

In conjunction with the South Wisconsin District a missionary has been called to serve two small white congregations and also the Indian children at Tomah.

E. YAKIMA RESERVATION.

A general survey has not been made among the Indians in the United States and Canada. However, our attention has been directed to the Bad River Reservation at Odanah, Wis., to the Flambeau Reservation in Wisconsin, and especially to the Indians living in the State of Oklahoma.

We wish to voice our appreciation for the services rendered by the Rev. F. C. Streufert, member of the Board of Directors. His in-

terest in our Indian Missions has been an encouragement to our Board, and his advice has been gratefully accepted. The Board of Directors is certainly brought into closer touch with the varied mission interests of our Church through his services and thereby gains a clearer insight into the work done in our missions by our Church.

Requirements and Recommendations.

The budget for Indian Missions, that is, for current expenses, according to the present needs, ought to be placed at \$19,988 per annum.

1. *Red Springs*: Salaries of missionary, Teachers, and employees, \$5,388; general expenses, \$7,000.

2. *Oneida*: Salaries of missionary and teacher, \$2,250.

3. *Neopit and Morgan Siding*: Salary, rent, and transportation of missionary, \$1,600.

4. *Tomah*: Salary, rent, and transportation, \$860.

5. *Yakima Reservation*: Salary, rent, and transportation, \$1,900.

6. General repairs, \$1,000.

A. Major repairs at Red Springs (roof and dormitory and boys' toilet), \$2,000.

B. Church at Oneida, \$7,500.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.

G. FIERKE, *Secretary*.

This memorial with its requests and several unprinted communications were reported on by Committee 12 as follows:—

Your Committee has studied the report of the Board for Indian Missions. However, since Synod has adopted the report of Committee 8 pertaining to Overture 601, 8a, page 172, to eliminate the Board for Indian Missions and to transfer this mission to the mission boards of the Districts in which the work is done, we make the following recommendations:—

That Synod thank the members of this board for their faithful services during the past triennium.

We further recommend to encourage the respective Districts having Indian communities in their midst to give them their fostering care.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Report of Board of Foreign-Tongue Missions.

In submitting our report to the Hon. Synod, we cannot point to great successes, but by the grace of God we can say that our mission has no lost, considering the existing adverse conditions and the nearly total closing of our ports against immigration, but has developed normally. The endeavors of the Board to strengthen the congrega-

tions and to educate them as to their duty of becoming more and more self-sustaining have had good results.

Our missionaries, thanks to the Lord and to them, have faithfully labored in their respective fields, although contending with most trying conditions. Whilst all people were more or less affected by the existing unfortunate times, it seems as if the people of foreign tongues suffered to a greater extent than others. Most of them are day-laborers. Supervision was exercised by your Board of Foreign-tongue Missions, and it was ably assisted by the subcommissioners in the different Districts. It has pleased our Lord to call to His eternal rest one of our most faithful and consecrated workers, the Rev. Geo. Matzat. He died September 15, 1931.

As to the present status of our Foreign-tongue Missions, as to the number of missionaries and the different languages in which they preach the Gospel of Christ, we shall name only the important things. The more detailed reports can be found in the *Statistical Year-book*.

At present we have 18 missionaries, who are preaching in 8 different languages besides English or German. They are:—

Polish Mission: The Rev. Jose Olszar, stationed in Colgate (Dundalk), Md.; the Rev. John Olszar, stationed in Inglis, Man., Can.; the Rev. Theo. Engel, stationed in Chicago; the Rev. S. Martell, stationed in Trenton, N. J.

Lithuanian Mission: The Rev. J. Rozak, stationed in Chicago; the Rev. H. S. Brustat, stationed in Naugatuck, Conn.

Latvian Mission: The Rev. J. Graudin, stationed in Boston; the Rev. F. C. Pudsell, stationed in Philadelphia; the Rev. W. v. Kuhlberg, stationed in Chicago.

The congregation of Rev. Graudin is perfecting plans to build a church.

The congregation of Rev. Pudsell bought a building and reconstructed it into a church and parsonage in 1931.

Slovak Mission: The Rev. M. M. Hevliř, stationed in Northampton and West Hatfield, Mass.; the Rev. Geo. Pankuch, stationed in Hudson, N. Y. During the year 1931 Rev. Pankuch opened mission-stations in Buffalo and the neighboring cities.

Italian Mission: The Rev. A. Bongarzone, stationed in Union City, N. J.; the Rev. A. Messina, stationed in Englewood, N. J.; the Rev. P. D. Maida, stationed in Hoboken, N. J. Rev. Maida entered the work in 1931.

Finnish Mission: The Rev. A. E. Kokkonen, stationed in Jersey City.

Persian Mission: The Rev. L. Pera, stationed in Chicago.

Spanish (Mexican) Mission: The Rev. José Fernandez, stationed in Chicago; the Rev. B. Martinelli, stationed in Los Angeles.

Rev. Martinelli was added to our workers in 1931. Being an Italian by birth, he is doing mission-work also among the Italians in that city.

As our appropriation has been cut to the very limit of our needs, it will be impossible for us to call new workers into the field or even to fill the present vacancy. Retrenchments were made wherever possible, even to the extent of omitting the annual visit to the different congregations, and yet our expenses will exceed our appropriation. This can be seen by the budget requirements of our board added to this report. Your Board therefore comes to Synod with the earnest plea to study our requirements and to act favorably on our requests embodied therein.

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS FOR 1933.

Section I.

Station	Salary and Rent	Traveling Expenses	Total
<i>Slovak Missions: —</i>			
Hudson, N. Y., and 7 other stations	\$1,392.00	\$675.00	\$2,167.00
West Hatfield, Mass.	600.00	.....	600.00
<i>Italian Missions: —</i>			
Englewood, N. J.	816.00	.....	816.00
Hoboken, N. J.	1,456.00	.....	1,456.00
Union City, N. J.	1,860.00	.....	1,860.00
<i>Polish Missions: —</i>			
Trenton, N. J.	1,488.00	.....	1,488.00
Dundalk (Colgate), Md.	864.00	.....	864.00
Chicago	432.00	.....	432.00
Inglish, Man., Can.	546.00	.....	546.00
<i>Spanish-Mexican Missions: —</i>			
Chicago	1,824.00	.....	1,824.00
Los Angeles	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
<i>Lithuanian Missions: —</i>			
Chicago	120.00	.....	120.00
Naugatuck, Conn.	1,200.00	60.00	1,260.00
<i>Latvian Missions: —</i>			
Chicago	708.00	.....	708.00
Boston	762.00	50.00	812.00
Philadelphia	1,200.00	40.00	1,240.00
<i>Finnish Mission: —</i>			
Jersey City	1,200.00	40.00	1,240.00
<i>Persian (Assyrian) Mission: —</i>			
Chicago	1,920.00	.....	1,920.00
Miscellaneous Expenses of Board			100.00
Total			\$20,653.00

The appropriation of the Foreign-tongue Mission Board was reduced from \$25,500 in 1931 to \$19,800 in 1932. Accordingly we were compelled to reduce our subsidies to missionaries by 20 per cent. In

our opinion this reduction was too drastic. Some of our missionaries are in real distress. Could not the above amount be increased by 10 per cent.? We kindly request it.

Section II.

Amounts required for new work:—

It is impossible for us to make an estimate of the cost of new work because we cannot tell what new fields we may be asked to explore and occupy.

It would be well if the Board of Foreign-tongue Missions could have a tentative appropriation of \$2,500 for new work, the understanding being that only such an amount of this sum may be used as shall actually be required for new work. The Board requests this.

Section III.

Amounts required for building operations:—

The Board of Foreign-tongue Missions does not ask for an appropriation for buildings. It has no authority to finance building projects.

Wishing and praying for the Lord's blessings on the work of Synod, especially on its mission-work,

Yours in the Lord,

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS.
F. MARKWORTH, *Chairman*.

Regarding this report, Committee 12 submitted the following:—

Since Synod has adopted the report of Committee 8 pertaining to Overture 601, 8a, page 172, to eliminate the Board for Foreign-tongue Missions and to transfer these missions to the mission boards of the Districts in which the work is done, we make the following recommendation to Synod:—

That Synod thank the members of this board for their faithful services during the past triennium.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

With regard to **Negro Missions**, Committee 12 reported:—

The **Negro Missions** are carried on by our Synod in conjunction with the other members of the Synodical Conference. Hence no report was presented except the financial report.

Since Synod has decided that the **Negro Missions** be included in the synodical budget and that the budget for 1933 be fixed by the Fiscal Conference, we have no recommendation to make.

We wish, however, to commend the cooperation of the **Mission Board** with the chairman of the Committee on **Missions** of the Board of Directors in connection with the mission survey and hope that this relation may continue to exist.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

(Memorial 309.)

In making our report to Synod, we can state, first of all, that, owing to the grace of God, our mission enterprises in India and China were permitted to continue and, on the whole, to develop normally during the last three years. In China, it is true, the government has adopted a hostile attitude toward the teaching of religion in the schools, but our schools, we are grateful to say, have not as yet been interfered with. The civil war in China in 1930 affected our missions and brought peril to our workers in Shihnanfu; but the kindness of our heavenly Father protected our emissaries. No personal injury or lasting harm resulted. The terrible flood of 1931 in the Yangtze Valley proved a setback in some ways and did considerable damage to our property in Hankow; but, on the other hand, it increased our mission opportunities so that many persons, refugees who had come to Hankow, were reached by the Gospel, converted, and baptized (386 in number at this writing), with whom otherwise we should not have come in contact.

Our missionaries, so we say with sincere thanks to the Head of the Church and to them, have faithfully labored in their blessed work under the general supervision of our Director of Foreign Missions. As in former years, so also in this triennial report, we have to deplore the loss of several able, consecrated workers who on account of their own illness or that of some member of their family were compelled to leave our service. The death, on April 17, 1929, of Missionary E. L. Arndt, the founder of our missions in China, was duly commented on at the last convention of Synod.

As to the present status of our Foreign Missions in point of numbers of workers, native Christians, and stations, we shall, to save space, confine ourselves to the most important figures, adding that the *Statistical Year-book* offers exhaustive information on all these points. In India we have at present 13 stations, or centers, from which 145 congregations and 38 so-called teaching- and preaching-places are served. Our male missionaries in India number 46. Other white workers sent from here are two teachers, one doctor, one trained nurse, and two deaconesses. Of Indian helpers in the same country our lists show 3 pastors, 7 evangelists, 20 vicars, and 66 catechists. The total number of Indian helpers in church and school is 347. Our baptized members number 7,700, of whom 1,827 are communicants. Souls under our care number 14,293. In our schools we have 5,694 pupils. To make a comparison possible, we insert here the figures for 1921: Souls, 4,595; baptized members, 2,814; communicant members, 508; missionaries, 23; Indian workers, 214; pupils in all schools, 3,644. A good deal of property is owned by our church-body in India, which is valued at about \$156,000.

In China our work centers around 6 stations. The number of our missionaries is 16. They are assisted by two teachers (one of them being Mr. Nero, who since last fall is in charge of the school for the children of our missionaries) and two nurses, who have come from here. Of Chinese helpers we have 4 evangelists and a number of other workers, the total being 70. Our baptized members number 915 (the recently baptized not included), of whom 447 are communicants. In our schools 971 pupils are enrolled. The property of our Church in China represents a value of about \$52,325 in our money.

The books of our treasurer, Mr. W. Lehr, show that in 1929 we sent \$246,672.68 to our fields in the Orient; in 1930 (the figures covering eleven months), \$216,261.33; in 1931, \$255,839.41.

The term question (pertaining to the name for God to be used by our missionaries in China), while still being discussed in some of our circles here in America, has, as far as we know, not been a disturbing factor in our missions in China during the last three years.

In India the caste question had become the subject of extended debates among our missionaries. To help in the settlement of it and likewise to assist in the solving of other problems, as well as to maintain intimate contact with the Church abroad, a delegation was sent to our field in India, consisting of Prof. M. S. Sommer, the chairman of the Board, and Rev. H. M. Zorn, one of the members of the Board at large. They left for India in July, 1930, and returned early in 1931. Largely as a result of their visit we can say that the caste controversy in our India Missions is now settled, as far as such a difficult, many-sided, complicated problem can be settled. In many other ways the visit of the delegation has proved beneficial. We hope the convention will give these brethren an opportunity to report to it in person.

Our missionaries continued their very important efforts to educate nationals of India and China for the position of Christian pastors, teachers, evangelists, and catechists. Our high schools, for lack of funds, we regret to say, are not equipped as they should be. Besides, we lack the proper teaching force, as it is impossible for us, in the face of huge deficits, to call the Christian teachers from our ranks in this country, with whom we really ought to man our high schools. We wish to commend our missionaries who have served as instructors in our high schools and seminaries in India and China for their faithful work. In India there has been an interruption of two years at the seminary, the students having been sent to various congregations to serve as vicars. This year the seminary will be reopened.

When last fall the floods in China brought disaster to vast multitudes of the stricken area, the Board of Relief of Synod, with the approval of the Board of Directors, put at our disposal a considerable sum of money, part of which was at once sent to China and used by

our missionaries for the alleviation of want and suffering, while the remainder will be sent as soon as it can be used for rehabilitation purposes.

With respect to India your Board has decided to call a brother as missionary who will be entrusted with special duties, going to India to serve as superintendent of the field. He will be expected to be a fatherly adviser and guide to our missionaries, most of whom are very young men. We hope that this institution will prove a great blessing to the missionaries and likewise to the home Board, which the brother will represent. For India we finally were so fortunate as to secure a physician, Miss Bohnsack, who has been in India now for several years. We hope that soon a young brother who was educated for the ministry and in addition has received a full medical training will be able to enter the work in India as medical missionary.

The Mission Department at Concordia Seminary which the convention of Synod in 1929 encouraged us to establish has not yet become a reality, as several difficulties have arisen. The former residence of Dr. F. Pieper (Winnebago St. and Texas Ave., St. Louis) has been put at our disposal by the Board of Directors of Synod in consideration of a low monthly rental and is used by us for the housing of missionaries who have returned here on furlough.

Our appropriation having been cut considerably, it will be impossible for us this year to call new workers. We are contemplating sending two new missionaries to India and one to China, men who were called last year and accepted the call, but who, in order to continue their studies or for other reasons, did not proceed to the Orient at once. In addition we shall have to send the medical missionary referred to above, Dr. Leckband, to India, to assist and relieve Dr. Bohnsack, and, besides, a lady teacher and a nurse to take the place of two workers coming home on furlough. To China a nurse will have to be sent to take the place of one of our nurses, whose furlough is due. If these workers cannot be added to the forces abroad, we fear the respective phases of our activities will be seriously crippled.

Even though receipts are low, we have to ask Synod to make an appropriation for our land and building treasury, there being some items which permit of no delay. The brethren in India and China have submitted estimates as to their needs with respect to lands and buildings for 1933—1935, the total being \$313,488.34. Realizing the great financial difficulties with which Synod is confronted, your Board has mercilessly eliminated from the items requested everything that did not appear absolutely necessary and asks that at least \$69,664 be appropriated for this treasury for the triennium 1933—1935. We hope Synod will instruct the Fiscal Conference to increase this amount with the advent of better times, since the sum asked for is barely

sufficient for the maintenance of the present work and does not provide for any expansion. It may not be superfluous to mention that of the money appropriated for land and buildings at the last convention (\$79,228 annually), we have practically drawn nothing up to the time of this writing. It is true that \$35,000 was turned over to us for immediately necessary compounds and buildings, but this was money held over from the foregoing triennium. For the present year we hope Synod will make available to us at the very lowest \$17,500 from the money appropriated for the triennium now drawing to its close. It is our request that Synod permit us to add this amount (or a part of it), if it should not be collected this year, to the appropriation requested for the coming triennium. For running expenses we shall, exercising utmost economy, require in 1933 \$263,250, sending the new workers mentioned. If this amount is decreased, these new workers cannot be placed in the field.

In conclusion we must state that, while we are discussing retrenchment, practically unlimited mission opportunities are beckoning in the Orient, and our missionaries are constantly sending away people coming to them with the request that we take up work in their midst. May God grant us, the members of the Missouri Synod, His Holy Spirit, to realize our solemn responsibilities!

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

W. ARNDT, *Recording Secretary.*

Committee 13, to which this report as well as Memorial 313 and the unprinted Memorials 46—52 and several private communications relative to foreign missions had been referred, brought in the following report concerning Memorial 305:—

1. We recommend that Synod declare its gratitude to God that despite world-wide highly adverse circumstances our ambassadors in India and China report blessed progress and that we acknowledge our God-given responsibility in that the opportunities as reported are unlimited. We heartily deplore our inability adequately to take care of the situation, due to the lack of funds and consequently of laborers in the field.

2. We recommend that Synod extend a vote of thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions with its director, to Prof. M. S. Sommer and the Rev. H. M. Zorn, who last year, as our representatives, visited the Indian field; to all individuals and societies, friends of missions, that took special interest in our Foreign Mission, imploring them to continue in love for their Savior.

3. We recommend that Synod transmit, through its director of Foreign Missions, encouraging greetings to all fellow-workers in India and China, wishing them God's grace and blessing in their arduous work.

4. We recommend that Professor Sommer be given an opportunity to address the convention on his recent mission-visit to India.

5. Whereas the primary purpose, in our opinion, is not to offer promiscuous educational facilities to the heathen, we recommend that in our higher educational endeavors in the foreign fields we concentrate on the training of native church-workers.

6. Due to the distressing situation that men who have been called last year cannot be sent out and maintained and missionaries on furlough will not be able to return to their respective fields unless funds are made available, we recommend that Synod request the Board of Directors to allow the Board for Foreign Missions sufficient sums to maintain the present work as outlined by the Board in its report, page 117, paragraph 3.

7. We recommend that the words "who live in St. Louis" and "two members of the theological faculty" be stricken from the rules and regulations in the *Synodical Handbook* governing the Board for Foreign Missions.

8. We recommend that, if possible, a former well-trying, well-qualified missionary of each field (India and China) be elected to membership of the Board for Foreign Missions.

9. We recommend that Synod request the Board for Foreign Missions to appoint executive committees from its own midst for the missions in India and China; the Board to draft the necessary regulations for these so constituted committees.

Action.

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

The Term Question in Our China Missions.

(Memorial 313.) *

The Pastoral Conference of Greater Boston and Vicinity has considered at length the action of the last Delegate Synod in sanctioning the use of the Chinese idol name Shang-Di as a name for the true God. (Cf. 1929 *Bericht*, p. 195; *Proceedings*, p. 196.) We believe that this action was taken without sufficient consideration of the question at issue; and we respectfully ask that steps be taken to insure a proper and thoroughgoing study of all the facts concerned, the theological question as to whether the proper name of an idol can be used as the proper name of the true God being decided by the Word of God alone and the linguistic question as to the force of the term Shang-Di or of other terms used for God being referred to the missionaries, who have studied these questions for decision on the basis of Chinese linguistic usage.

WALTER A. REUNING, *Secretary*.

Regarding the question mentioned in this memorial, concerning which also a number of unprinted memorials had been submitted, Committee 13 submitted its report, which was *adopted* by Synod in the following form: —

WHEREAS, The controversial question in our China Mission regarding the term to be used for God is a highly complicated one, which cannot be decided within the space of a few days; and

WHEREAS, Your Committee has spent many convention hours listening to the arguments of both sides, linguistic, theological, and philosophical, without being able to arrive at a satisfactory solution; and

WHEREAS, We consider the whole matter worthy of longer consecrated efforts toward ultimate solution; and

WHEREAS, Several of the protests include claims the correctness or incorrectness of which could be proved only by referring to minutes, reports, and correspondence which are not available to your Committee here at Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod elect at this session a committee of five impartial men who have as yet not dealt with the question, and that this committee work toward an ultimate blessed settlement of all points at issue; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That during the interim in which this committee now functions all further agitation of this matter be dropped.

At the close of the report, Prof. M. S. Sommer was given an opportunity to give a brief report on the visit to India made by himself and Pastor H. M. Zorn.

Report on the Immigrant Mission of New York.

Upon the advice of the Hon. President of Synod, early in 1932, that the Board for Immigrant Mission in New York consider the question of abandoning the Immigrant Mission work in New York, and we make recommendations to that end, we, the Board for Immigrant Mission in New York, after a thorough survey of the work, expressed as our opinion that the work should not be abandoned.

Our Synod has been engaged in Immigrant Mission work for more than sixty years. During that time our work has adapted itself to the ever-changing immigration policy of our Government. A change has taken place in the immigration policy in the last triennium. This change, however, while it has brought about a decrease in certain phases of our work, has increased our activities in other directions. The following figures, covering the years 1929, 1930, and 1931, indicate both the scope of the work of the Immigrant Mission and the change in our activities, as we adapted ourselves to present conditions.

At the piers (immigrants) a total of 374 ships and of 7,773 immigrants was met, and the latter were interviewed and served. This

number has decreased from 4,010 in 1929 to 599 in 1931, indicating the manner in which the present restriction of immigration has affected our work.

At Ellis Island (emigrants), 5,733 persons were served, this number increasing from 1,013 in 1929 to 2,443 in 1931, and actual pastoral visits were made and spiritual interviews given, increasing from 467 in 1929 to 1,743 in 1931, indicating the manner in which our work has increased due to present conditions. An average of from 250 to 350 attend the Sunday services at Ellis Island.

At the office (aliens) 2,177 called on us for help and advice, this number increasing from 467 in 1929 to 913 in 1931. Office interviews are given to serve a missionary purpose, and the opportunity is used to give the appropriate comfort, admonition, and direction to our churches.

Since immigration has been temporarily restricted to 10 per cent. of the quota allowance and our missionary served a total of 599 immigrants at the piers in 1931, which is a fair gage of present immigration conditions, the help of one female worker was dispensed with early in 1931. Since that time the missionary has carried on the pier work without assistance.

Since the clerical work, bookkeeping, correspondence, averaging 4,500 letters received and sent a year, and other work in connection with our mission-work: serving Synod in missionary transportation and money transfers; steamship-ticket sales, from which we derive an income, etc., could not be done by the missionary in addition to his actual mission-work, the help of the office assistant was retained.

Under present conditions our chief field of missionary activity is on Ellis Island, which daily houses an average of 600 persons. Regular services are held there. Week-day mission-work is similar to that which was done among interned aliens during the World War. Our Church met and welcomed immigrants who came to us in days of prosperity, filled with hope. To-day our Church is on hand to comfort emigrants and deportees who are broken in spirit and discouraged. Many a one, humbled by misfortune, has been led back to the Savior. Ellis Island has been a new field of opportunity for mission-work.

Thus, while not engaging in activities other than those set forth in our constitution and charter, but adapting our work to changing conditions, our mission continues to serve immigrants, emigrants, and aliens, seeking to preach the Gospel, to admonish, and to comfort the stranger within our gates.

Particularly with reference to *Reports and Memorials for the Twentieth Delegate Synod*, assembled at Milwaukee in 1932, the Report of the Board of Directors of Synod, B. § 4, page 174, we, the Board for Immigrant Mission in New York, make the following recommendation:—

Because of present unsettled conditions and the temporary emergency policy of our Government in matters of immigration and emigration, we recommend —

That the Immigrant Mission be allowed to continue its present work as carried on in the past three years, awaiting the adoption of the future immigration policy by our Government;

That the question of the discontinuance of "the separate incorporation of our Immigrant Mission Board" be tabled for the time being;

That in the mean time the Immigrant Mission work, together with the "Lutheran Immigrant Society, Incorporated," and its assets and holdings, be placed under the supervision of the Atlantic District of our Synod for a study, a survey of the entire situation, and a report to Synod or its authorities at such a time as Synod designates.

Respectfully submitted

in the name of the Immigrant Mission Board.

WM. BURGTORF, *Secretary.*

Committee 14 brought in the following report on the Immigrant Mission in New York: —

In New York the work among immigrants has declined because of the present emergency restriction on immigration; however, the work carried on among aliens in New York and emigrants in Ellis Island by Missionary G. Gallman has greatly increased. In this work our missionary is given the opportunity to make contact with thousands of aliens and emigrants and to give them the comfort of God's Word.

Since the present Government policy of restricting immigration is an emergency measure, the immigration quota law still being in force, and since almost insurmountable difficulties would attend any attempt at reestablishing the work, once abandoned, therefore your Committee is of the opinion that this work should be continued according to the plans of Committee 8, and we recommend that Synod concur in these resolutions; namely, that the Immigrant Mission in New York be continued and transferred to the Atlantic District.

Synod *adopted* this report.

NOTE. — Synod instructed its Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the Rev. J. C. Borth, the Rev. Erwin Kurth, Mr. J. C. Stemmermann, and Mr. Theo. Fischer as trustees of the Lutheran Immigrant Society of New York, Inc., to serve until the transfer of the property of the society can be made.

Report on the Seamen's Mission.

During 1931 our missionary, Pastor M. Pinkert, did blessed and conscientious work among seamen in the harbor of New York. He reports monthly to the Board which ships he visited and on which day and how many people he succeeded in approaching each time. During

the past year he visited 662 ships and held 170 services on board ship, with a total attendance of 8,221. 265 services were held at the mission-chapel, with an attendance of 11,241. Regular Sunday services and week-day devotions are held. Thousands of Bible parts and tracts were distributed. Such conscientious activity will not remain without fruit. May God continue to bless these efforts!

ERWIN KURTH, *Secretary*.

Committee 14 reported:—

The work of the Seamen's Mission consists in visiting ships and preaching the Gospel on board ship by the missionary. One hundred seventy services were held on board ship, and two hundred services were held in the chapel. A total of 19,000 hearers attended these services. In addition, thousands of tracts and Bible parts are distributed. Our faithful and conscientious missionary, Pastor M. Pinkert, is failing in health at the present time.

Your Committee *recommends*:—

That Synod, through our Immigrant Missionary C. Gallman, send greetings to Pastor M. Pinkert, commending his consecrated work, expressing our sympathy, and wishing him God's blessing;

That Synod concur in the recommendations of Committee 8 concerning the continuing of the Seamen's Mission; namely, to transfer the Seamen's Mission to the Atlantic District.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Immigrant Mission in Western Canada.

(See Memorial 305.)

Concerning the report of the Immigrant Mission Board for Western Canada, Committee 14 presented the following *report*:—

In Western Canada our work among immigrants is carried on by Missionary J. Herzer under the direction of the committee appointed by Synod. This work has been a blessing to our Church in Western Canada. Approximately 1,164 immigrants, out of some 2,000 with whom contact was made, were, or still are being, taken up into our churches. The reports of these missions are sufficient evidence of this increase. By the kind-hearted cooperation of the Walther League and many other Christians about 87,000 pounds of clothing, six loads of food materials, and more than \$10,000 were applied to this work in charity.

Because of the recent restriction on immigration this work has declined; but Canada is a new country and demands development. Furthermore, the present policy of restricted immigration is an emergency measure, and almost insurmountable difficulties would attend any attempt to reestablish the work once abandoned.

Therefore Committee 14 endorses the plan of Committee 8 (Over-
ture 601, B, 5) and recommends that Synod concur in these resolu-
tions; namely, that the Immigrant Mission in Western Canada be
continued and transferred to the Districts of Western Canada.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Synod's Relations with the Finnish National Church.

(See Memorial 307.)

Our committee on relations with the Finnish National Church,
composed of President F. Pfothenhauer, D. D., Prof. W. H. T. Dau,
D. D., and President H. Daib, reported in this memorial that the
relations between the Finnish National Church and our Synod are
growing to be more and more cordial. The officials of the Finnish
National Church bear faithful testimony regarding proper congrega-
tional and synodical practise and gladly avail themselves of the
advice of our committee. The Finnish National Church has voted its
hearty thanks to our Synod for the annual subsidy of \$1,200 and has
asked for the same support.

Committee 14 *reported* as follows:—

The relations between the Finnish National Church and our
Synod have steadily improved. Testimony to the truth is borne within
the Finnish circles, and there is a decided move for improvement.
The fact that a Finnish student, E. Nopala, has been graduated from
our institution in Springfield has strengthened the confidence in our
Synod.

Our *recommendations*:—

Resolved:—

a. That the present Committee on Relations with the Finnish
National Church be retained and that its work be continued;

b. That the present committee be authorized to augment itself by
one member, since Dr. W. H. T. Dau, a member of this committee, can
no longer serve;

c. That in accordance with plans submitted by the Committee on
Appropriations an annual allowance, if possible, be granted for this
cause, the sum being determined according to the resolution of Synod
pertaining to the budget.

Synod *adopted* this report.

European Missions.

(See Memorial 310.)

In this report it was pointed out that the number of souls served
by our European brethren in *Germany* has grown from 1,439 in 1877
to 12,778 in 1931, including 9,385 communicant members. Fifty pas-
tors of the Free Church are serving 57 organized congregations or
parishes at 175 different places, scattered throughout Germany. Many

of these congregations are to be considered as mission-places. The theological institution at Zehlendorf is playing an important part in the mission-work. This work is also furthered by the *Schriftenverein* of the Free Church.

The report dwelt also on the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in *Finland*, which comprises seven congregations, with 422 souls and 244 communicants. Owing to financial conditions these congregations contributed only \$730 last year, so that they are still in need of support.

The congregation in *Arensburg, Esthonia*, comprising 139 souls, contributed \$764 last year. The members are making great sacrifices according to their limited means.

The Free Church in *Alsace, France*, is also in need of continued support.

Concerning these European Missions, Committee 14 brought in the following report:—

In Europe our Missouri Synod supports the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Saxony (about 9,000 communicants), the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Finland (244 communicants), the Ev. Luth. Church in Arensburg, Esthonia (139 souls), the Ev. Luth. Free Church in Alsace (390 communicants), and others. A total of approximately 13,000 communicants are included in these churches.

Studying the requests of these brethren, the Mission Board for European Missions has proposed a subsidy of \$56,628, which sum the Appropriations Committee has reduced to \$40,000, and this sum is indefinite at present.

The situation is such that the work cannot be continued without our aid. The brethren contribute liberally according to their means. They also exercise great care in distributing and applying our gifts. The testimony of true Lutheranism is bearing fruit even though it meets with tremendous opposition on the part of the state church.

Our *recommendations*:—

Resolved:—

a. That in accordance with such resolutions as are adopted by Synod pertaining to the budget, Synod grant a subsidy for missions in Europe;

b. That the Board for European Missions continue in its study of the European field and that instead of sending a regular representative who is to succeed Dr. Mezger, as requested by the European brethren, it be authorized, if necessary, to send a representative to visit the field at such time as the Board of Directors may designate;

c. That the matter of salaries in Europe be referred to the Board of Directors and the Board for European Missions.

Synod *adopted* this report.

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS.

Intersynodical Matters.

(Report of Committee 20.)

In reference to the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*.

These theses were drawn up by resolution of Synod (see *Proceedings of the 34th Regular Convention*, p. 113) by a committee appointed by Dr. Pfotenhauer and consisting of Dr. F. Pieper, Prof. W. Wenger, Secretary, Rev. E. A. Mayer, Rev. L. A. Heerboth, and Dr. Th. Engelder. They were published in the *Concordia Theological Monthly* of May, 1931, and in pamphlet form were mailed to all the pastors of Synod. The pastors are to be commended for having studied this doctrinal statement, both at conferences and privately. Many changes were suggested, but these suggestions dealt with widening the scope of the theses, pointed out changes in phraseology, requested additional proof-texts, etc., but none called into question the correctness of the doctrine contained in the theses.

Your Committee carefully studied the theses and the suggested changes submitted by pastoral conferences and individual pastors, but did not feel called upon to widen the scope of the theses by adding additional paragraphs nor to add additional proof-texts nor to make unnecessary changes in phraseology. Your Committee confined itself to proving the correctness (Scripturalness) of the doctrine and to making only such changes in phraseology as were very evidently desirable and to call attention to mistakes in printing.

Unprinted *Memorial 56* of the Northwestern Conference of the Brazil District (expressing surprise that the theses do not cover all doctrines, neither refer to our practise).

Recommendations of *Committee 20*: Since the doctrinal statement was drawn up by resolution of the synodical convention of 1929, and since much time and labor have been expended upon the drawing up of this statement and their consideration, therefore we recommend that the request of the Northwestern Pastoral Conference, of Brazil be denied.

Unprinted *Memorial 85* (asking that the English text of the theses be also made the official text).

Your Committee recommends that Synod comply with the petition.

Requested Changes:—

In the event a reprint of the theses is made, your Committee recommends that in paragraph 8 of the theses, on Redemption, the words "but without sin" be added after the words "into His divine person"

and in the German text after the words "*uns gleiche*" the words be added "*doch suendlose.*" It further recommends that in paragraph 8 the word "begotten" be used in the English translation instead of "born."

It also calls attention to the following typographical errors and changes:—

1) In paragraph 9, in the German text, the comma is to be placed not after "*nicht,*" but after "*rechtfertigt.*"

2) In paragraph 17, in the German text, the quotation is Rom. 3, 23. 24 instead of Rom. 5, 24.

3) The reference to the Samaritans in paragraph 26 should conform to the German text and therefore read Samaritans: Luke 17, 16.

4) Paragraph 28. Instead of the words in the English text "as the real cause of the origin and continuance of divisions in the Church" it should read "as causing divisions in the Church."

5) Paragraph 31. The quotation is to be Eph. 6, 4 instead of 6, 6.

6) Paragraph 34. The quotation is to be John 18, 11 instead of John 8, 11.

7) Paragraph 38. The words in the German text: "*den Rest,*" "*das uebrige,*" "*die Wahl,*" should be put in quotation-marks.

8) Paragraph 39. The quotation from the *Triglotta* should be correctly quoted, thus: "*diese Lehre nicht anders denn also, dass sie uns dadurch zum WORT weist, Eph. 1; 1 Kor. 1, zur Busse vermahnt, 2 Tim. 3, zur Gottseligkeit anhaelt, Eph. 1; Joh. 15, den Glauben staerkt und unserer Seligkeit uns vergewissert, Eph. 1; Joh. 10; 2 Thess. 2.*"

We recommend that the theses be adopted as a brief Scriptural statement of the doctrinal position of the Missouri Synod.

We recommend that Synod adopt these theses. We recommend that the title remain as it is.

A. PFOTENHAUER, *Chairman.*

W. E. HOHENSTEIN, *Secretary.*

Synod *adopted* this report.

Report of Committee 20 on the Hanssen Case.

(Regarding a protest against several members of the former Intersynodical Committee.)

Ihr Komitee hat den Protest des Herrn Pastor Theodor Hanssen sorgfaeltig geprueft, findet aber, dass der Protest unberechtigt ist, und empfiehlt deshalb der Ehrw. Synode, den Protest zurueckzuweisen.

Your Committee has carefully considered the protest of Pastor Theo. Hanssen, but finds that the protest is not justified and therefore recommends to the Hon. Synod the rejection of the protest.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Extracts from Report of Committee on Constitutional Matters.

(Memorial 401.)

1. The report referred to page 126 f. of the *Proceedings* of 1929.

a. On page 126, 1, we read: "Each congregation in the territory tributary to a synodical institution (including Concordia Publishing House) shall be entitled and requested to nominate one candidate each for the Electoral College and the Board of Control (Board of Directors) of that institution." This is not in agreement with the *Synodical Handbook*, page 62, 4, which stipulates that candidates for colleges shall be nominated by Districts, while Synod itself nominates candidates for the seminaries, because the colleges serve certain limited fields, while the seminaries serve Synod as a whole. The convention was asked to declare whether the former stipulation should be rescinded or not.

b. In the same memorial we read, page 127, 4: "Terms of office shall be limited to two consecutive terms for any member in any one board elected by Synod; but previous tenure of office shall not disqualify a person after an interruption of three years." This has been taken to mean that Synod adopted this recommendation, since the *Proceedings*, page 128, declare that "the recommendation of the committee was adopted," although the chairman decides, in agreement with the German *Proceedings*, that this recommendation of the memorial was not adopted. This could be clarified by striking out the words "The recommendation of the committee was adopted and the" from the 1929 *Proceedings*, so that it reads: "The following resolution was passed by Synod," etc., thus bringing the English *Proceedings* into agreement with the German version.

2. On the basis of a memorial which declares that the stipulations of Synod's constitution do not seem to be clear regarding the question whether a District President should be a member of a voting congregation of Synod, Synod passed a resolution in 1929, page 125, as follows: "The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the members of the Board of Directors of all Districts must be members of voting congregations." This being an amendment to the constitution, this resolution had to be submitted to the congregations. Although this was done, so few congregations sent in their votes that the matter was left undecided.

The Committee on Constitutional Matters holds that this point is covered by the constitution, which declares regarding the officers of Synod: "The President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary must be ministers of the Church and, like the Treasurer and the members of the Board of Directors, members of voting congregations" (*Synodical Handbook*, page 6, B, 1), and furthermore states that "this constitution is also the constitution of each District of the Synod"

(*Synodical Handbook*, page 9, Art. XII, 2). On page 9, 6 it is declared that "all officers of the Districts have the same rights and duties as those outlined in this constitution for the officers of Synod." Your Committee therefore recommends that Synod declare by a formal resolution that it interprets this point of the constitution as meaning that this stipulation regarding the officers of Synod applies also to the District officials.

3. Finally the Committee on Constitutional Matters calls attention to the regulation of the *Handbook*, page 99, Art. XXI, 2. 3: "Any overtures made to the Synod asking for changes of, or amendments to, the constitution and by-laws of the Synod or its rules and regulations shall be submitted to this committee in order that it may examine them (contents and language) as to their constitutionality or their agreement or disagreement with existing rules and regulations. Whenever the Synod convenes, this committee shall be represented at the meetings of the committee appointed to consider constitutional matters." If this stipulation were generally observed, many corrections and resolutions, as mentioned in the above, could be avoided.

Regarding this report, Committee 15 brought in the following resolutions:—

1a. WHEREAS, A resolution of the convention of 1929 (*English Proceedings*, p. 129) inadvertently seems to wipe out the distinction generally observed heretofore between the nomination of candidates for, and election of, members of the Board of Electors for our theological seminaries and normal schools, which serve the whole Synod, on the one hand, and those of the colleges, which serve particularly a circumscribed territory, on the other hand; therefore be it

Resolved, That the distinction made in the regulation for the nomination and election of the boards of electors (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 62, 2 and 4) shall be observed also in the future, namely, that the Synod itself reserve the right to nominate and elect the members of the electoral boards for the seminaries and normal schools, while the various Districts have the privilege of electing the members of the electoral boards for the colleges located in their territory, "which election shall in the following year be submitted to the Synod for its approval, rejection, or amendment."

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Committee 15 furthermore *recommended*:—

1b. WHEREAS, The *English Proceedings* of the convention of 1929, pages 127 and 128, record as a resolution of the Synod the recommendation of a committee "that tenure of office shall be limited to two consecutive terms for any member in any one board elected by the Synod," while the German report records no such action on the part of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Such a procedure would not be in accord with the best interest of Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the English *Proceedings* be made to conform to the German report, namely, that on page 128 the words "the recommendation of the committee was adopted and the" be stricken.

This resolution was *stricken* from the report, and Synod *resolved* instead that the *Proceedings* of 1929, page 128, under "Action" should read: "The recommendation of Committee 14 was adopted," etc. (thus making it clear that the recommendations of the memorial [No. 414] were rejected and merely this recommendation of Committee 14 was adopted).

Regarding *Memorial 401, 2*, Committee 15 brought in the following *resolution*:—

WHEREAS, The constitution of the Synod demands that the "President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary must be ministers of the Church and, like the Treasurer and the members of the Board of Directors, members of voting congregations" (X, B, 1); and

WHEREAS, The constitution further declares that the constitution of the Synod "is also the constitution of each District of the Synod" (XII, 2); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod declare that the stipulation in regard to the officers of the Synod shall apply also to the officers of each District.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

As to *Memorial 401, 3*, Committee 15 submitted the following *resolution*:—

WHEREAS, It has repeatedly happened that overtures concerning changes of, or amendments to, the constitution and by-laws of the Synod or its rules and regulations were made directly to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Such overtures according to our *Synodical Handbook*, page 99, 2, should first "be submitted to the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters in order that it may examine them (contents and language) as to their constitutionality or their agreement or disagreement with existing regulations"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the attention of members of the Synod wishing to make such overtures be called to this regulation concerning the course to be pursued.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Memorial Regarding the Office of District School Superintendent.

(Extracts from *Memorial 204*.)

This memorial was sent in by a committee of the Eastern Pastoral Conference of the North Wisconsin District according to a resolution of the District. It was brought out that Synod has endorsed the appointment of school superintendents on the part of the Districts,

but that this office is nowhere mentioned in the constitution and by-laws of Synod. Therefore Synod was asked to take official action regarding this office and its powers and duties.

Is the Office of the School Superintendent Constitutional?

The memorial held that certain stipulations of the Constitution and By-laws seem to deny this.

1. The Synod of 1929 empowered the School Board to employ a full-time secretary, who was under the supervision of the School Board, not the Synod. This official is not a school superintendent, but the "executive secretary" of the School Board.

2. When Synod in 1929 created a General Board for Christian Education with the stipulation that this board be empowered to call executives, the School Board and the Sunday-school Board were abolished. No regulations were set up regarding the call and the duties of these executives.

3. Although Synod has advised the Districts to call school superintendents, if possible, the Constitution has not been amended to define this office and its duties.

4. Most duties that would be referred to a school superintendent have already been referred to the local pastor, the District President, and the Visitors.

a. The pastor is *ex officio* a supervisor of the school as far as religion is concerned.

b. Synod expects the District Presidents and the Visitors to supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the pastors and the teachers of their District. This would merely leave the supervision of the instruction in secular branches and external methods to the school superintendents.

c. Under present circumstances conflicts between the officials of the Districts and the school superintendents seem unavoidable if all will do their duty, as, for example, in call matters, supervising the curriculum, including religious instruction, school discipline, etc. In such matters a conflict might easily occur if both the school superintendent and the Visitor insist on doing their duty.

5. If the Districts, in calling school superintendents, refer certain duties of the District Presidents and the Visitors to the school superintendent, they go beyond the Constitution, and such action would be unconstitutional.

6. It is not denied that Synod has the right to institute the office of school superintendents for the Districts, but only by officially instituting this office and defining the rights and privileges of a school superintendent to avoid any conflicts with the rights of the District officials. This would require a change in the Constitution, its By-laws and regulations.

7. Should Synod decide that this office is constitutional, it is expected that the above points be cleared up in a convincing manner.

Under II of this memorial nineteen questions were submitted regarding the office of the District School Superintendent.

Regarding this memorial, Committee 15 brought in the following resolutions:—

WHEREAS, According to the Constitution of the Synod (Art. XII, 2) "each District is at liberty to adopt such by-laws and pass such resolutions as it deems expedient for its conditions, provided that such by-laws and resolutions do not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod"; and

WHEREAS, According to the Constitution of the Synod (Art. XII, 12) "the Districts are independent in the administration of affairs which concern their District only"; and

WHEREAS, The calling of a District School Superintendent is clearly a matter concerning the District only and does not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Synod the office of a District School Superintendent may be created and regulated by the individual District according to its needs and wishes.

WHEREAS, Overture 204 questions the constitutionality of the office of the District School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has a standing Committee on Constitutional Matters to which any overtures made to the Synod asking for changes of, or amendments to, the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod or its rules and regulations shall be submitted in order that this committee may examine them (contents and language) as to their constitutionality or their agreement or disagreement with existing rules and regulations (*Synod. Handbook*, p. 99, 2); therefore be it

Resolved, That our standing Committee on Constitutional Matters be instructed to study the question of the constitutionality of the office of District School Superintendent and to transmit their findings to the brethren of the Eastern Conference of the North Wisconsin District.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Establishing the True Meaning of Article VII of Synod's Constitution.

(Memorial 402.)

Article VII of the Constitution of the Missouri Synod reads:—

"In its relation to its members the Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers, and with respect to the individual congregation's right of self-government it is but an advisory body. Accordingly, no resolution of the Synod imposing anything upon the individual congregation is of binding force if it is not in accordance with the Word of God or if it appears to be inexpedient as far as the condition of a congregation is concerned."

WHEREAS, There seems to be a difference of opinion regarding the true interpretation of Article VII of the Constitution of the Missouri Synod, especially in reference to the meaning and scope of the term "advisory body," the term being taken by some in the absolute sense, to wit, that each resolution of the Synod becomes valid only after the formal ratification on the part of the individual congregation, while others interpret the term in a relative sense; and

WHEREAS, Such difference of opinion tends to be detrimental to the work of our Synod, hindering especially sufficient contributions and cooperation for this work; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Central Conference of Northern Nebraska herewith petition Synod, in session assembled at Milwaukee, Wis., in June, 1932:—

1. To give expression to its attitude towards the true interpretation of said Article VII of the constitution and to state if it considers the interpretation as expressed in the *Proceedings* of the Northern Nebraska District of 1930 to be the true and correct one. This interpretation is in substance as follows:—

A. That "the Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers" means that the Synod is not an extraneous body having authority to make laws and rules without the consent of the congregations which the latter are in conscience bound to obey;

B. That "with respect to the individual congregation's right of self-government it is but an advisory body" means that in all matters concerning the congregation itself only, with the exception of pure doctrine and true Scriptural Lutheran practise, the Synod may advise only, either voluntarily or upon request, and all resolutions of the Synod are considered advisory only if pertaining to such matters;

C. That all other resolutions of the Synod pertaining to the proper work and objects of the same are of binding force upon the congregations, unless they are 1. not in accordance with the Word of God, 2. inexpedient as far as the conditions of the congregations are concerned means that, inasmuch as the congregations have joined hands to carry on the work referred to in these resolutions and these resolutions are passed by the representatives of the congregations, elected by them and assembled for the very purpose of passing these and similar resolutions, therefore the congregations are in duty bound to carry them out to the best of their ability and that the Christian liberty of the Church and every individual congregation is safeguarded by the exceptions herein set forth;

2. To cause a brief interpretation of Article VII of the constitution to be written.

THE COMMITTEE:

O. E. SCHLECHT. M. JUNG. J. HOLSTEIN.

Regarding this memorial, *Committee 15* submitted the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, It appears that there is a difference of opinion regarding the true interpretation of Article VII of Synod's Constitution concerning the relation of the Synod to its members, especially in reference to the meaning and scope of the term "advisory body"; and

WHEREAS, The Central Conference of Northern Nebraska has petitioned Synod for an opinion in this matter, requesting the Synod to cause a brief interpretation of Article VII of the Constitution to be written; and

WHEREAS, It appears desirable that such an interpretation be given the widest possible publicity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod request the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters to publish an explanatory article concerning the true meaning of Article VII in the official organs of the Synod, the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Amalgamation of the English District Congregations with Other Districts of Synod.

(Memorial 407.)

The increased use of the English language throughout all Districts of our Synod during the past decade has brought forth petitions to Synod concerning the amalgamation of English District congregations with other Districts of Synod. The 1923 convention of Synod, considering a petition from the Visitors of the Western District, held that a proposal for amalgamation should come from the English District and asked that District kindly to discuss this matter. Synod adopted a similar resolution in 1926.

The English District has not yet proposed amalgamation of its congregations with Districts in which they are geographically located, although reasons for amalgamation are stronger to-day than they were a decade ago.

Therefore the Northern Illinois District, in convention assembled at River Forest, Ill., June 28 to July 3, 1931, presents the following resolution:—

"That the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States be requested to reconsider the resolutions according to which a move for amalgamation must come from the English District and to take the necessary steps to effect the amalgamation of the congregations and pastors of the English District with the respective Districts of Synod in whose territory they are located."

We urgently request Synod to give this matter most serious and careful consideration for the following reasons:—

1. The English language is now the predominant language

throughout our Synod, and therefore the reasons which obtained twenty or more years ago for a separate English District, scattered over all parts of our vast country, do not obtain to-day.

2. Our bilingual congregations are doing mission-work adequately and efficiently in the English language, and establishment of separate and purely English missions is often a duplication of efforts and not in the interest of economy.

3. Elimination of duplicate mission boards and missionary efforts will forestall unbrotherly friction and rivalry in many parts of Synod.

4. Many of our circuits, congregations and laymen especially, deplore the fact that congregations heavily burdened with the support of their schools must contribute to mission subsidies and church extension funds from which competing churches without schools are founded and supported.

5. Most of our bilingual Districts already have a number of purely English congregations, which are in no way deprived of the benefits of membership with Synod.

6. Amalgamation of our English District congregations and pastors with other Districts will eliminate the offense given or taken in mission-practise where there is competition for new fields.

Respectfully submitted by

THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

F. L. GEHRS, *Secretary.*

Dissolution of the English District.

(Memorial 408.)

"WHEREAS, Practically all the congregations of our Synod are now bilingual and in consequence thereof an exclusively English District is no longer needed for the promotion of English work in Synod; and

"WHEREAS, An amalgamation of the congregations of the English District with the respective synodical Districts in which they are located would result in closer fraternal relations; and

"WHEREAS, Such merger would make for a more unified policy in the prosecution of the various endeavors of our church-work; and

"WHEREAS, The proposed amalgamation would obviate the inconvenience to which the brethren of the English District are now subjected in attending their District conference and board meetings and would at the same time materially reduce their expenditures for travel and the work of the various District boards; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we petition the Hon. Delegate Synod to approach the English District with the request to consider seriously the question whether the time has not come for the dissolution of its District."

(See Report of South Wis. Dist., 1931, p. 76.)

HENRY GRUEBER, *President.*

R. SCHROTH, *Secretary.*

Committee 15 brought in the following *resolution* regarding these two memorials: —

WHEREAS, Practically all the congregations of our Synod are now bilingual, with the English language predominating; and

WHEREAS, The amalgamation of the English District congregations with the respective synodical Districts in which they are located would result in closer fraternal relations; and

WHEREAS, Such merger would make for a more unified policy in the various endeavors of our church-work; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amalgamation would obviate the inconvenience to which the brethren of the English District are now subjected in attending their District, conference, and board meetings and would at the same time materially reduce their expenditures for travel and the work of the various District boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod be requested to appoint a committee which is to draw up the reasons in favor of the amalgamation of the congregations of the English District with the respective synodical District in which they are located and to instruct this committee to take up with the English District the question of amalgamation at its next convention.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Union of the Various Synods of the Synodical Conference.

(Memorial 409.)

We humbly beg leave to petition the Venerable Synod to take the initiative in an effort to bring about a union of the various synods of the Synodical Conference into one synodical organization.

The following considerations prompt us to make this petition: —

1. All member synods of the Synodical Conference have expressed themselves in favor of such a union by adopting the constitution, which includes under "Purpose and Object" "the uniting of all Lutheran synods of America into one orthodox American Lutheran Church." (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 147.)

2. Such a union would end much of the rivalry and friction now existing in some localities between members of sister synods.

3. It would further effect a saving of money and man-power in many places which could and should be used in some other place for the advancing of God's kingdom here on earth.

4. Such a union would make it possible to bring the young people's work, *e. g.*, the Walther League, under the direct and immediate control of the synod.

5. Language need not form a barrier to such a union since the

Slovak Synod and the Norwegian Synod might well continue to function as extraterritorial Districts, similar to the present English District, and thus carry out the special mission which they have to those of their own nationality.

EMMAUS EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, TOWN LIND,
WAUPACA CO., WIS.

WM. MAGDANZ.	} <i>Elders.</i>
WM. SCHMIDT.	
OTTO F. TIMM.	
W. LAUTERBACH, <i>Pastor.</i>	

This overture is endorsed by the following:—

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTH. CHURCH, MANAWA,
WAUPACA CO., WIS.

ARTHUR STURM, *Chairman.*
R. A. KARPINSKY, *Pastor.*

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTH. CHURCH, FREMONT, WIS.

E. A. SCHMIDT, *Pastor.*
WM. STRUSINSKI, *Chairman.*

(Rev.) R. MALOTKY, Bear Creek, Wis.

Regarding this memorial as well as unprinted Memorial 54, *Committee 15* brought in the following *resolutions*:—

WHEREAS, The ultimate aim of all the synods constituting the Synodical Conference of North America is, among other things, "the uniting of all Lutheran synods of America into one orthodox American Lutheran Church" (*Synod. Handbook*, p. 147); and

WHEREAS, Such a union would effect a saving of money and manpower, in many places releasing funds which could and should be used in some other place for the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth; and

WHEREAS, Such a union would facilitate the supervision of young people's work as conducted by the Walther League Student Welfare Work, and other intersynodical endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Language need form no barrier to an organic union of the Synod in one body since the foreign-language groups could continue to function as extraterritorial Districts until such time as their congregations could also use the language of the country; be it therefore

Resolved, That the President of our Synod be requested to appoint a Committee on Organic Union, which is to investigate the feasibility and possibility of the organic union of the synods constituting the Synodical Conference of North America and to make recommendations on this matter to the Synod at its next convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of our Synod be requested to inform the other synods of the Synodical Conference of the appointment of our Committee on Organic Union and to notify them that our committee would stand ready to confer with similar committees appointed by other synods and, if possible, to formulate some plan by which an organic union could be effected, which plan, however, must be submitted to all the constituent synods for ratification.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Fixing the Number of Voting and Advisory Delegates and Representatives of Educational Institutions, Boards, and Committees in the Conventions of Synod.

By-Laws of Article IX of Constitution.

(Memorial 410.)

The Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, in convention assembled, does enact as follows:—

1. Committee — is hereby charged with fixing the number of voting delegates voting congregations in each District are entitled to in the convention of Synod.
2. The number of voting delegates entitled to seats in the convention is hereby limited to three hundred seventy-five (375).
3. The number of advisory delegates advisory members in each District are entitled to shall also be fixed by said committee.
4. Advisory pastors are limited to thirty (30) and advisory teachers to fifty (50) seats in the convention.
5. Representatives of educational institutions are hereby limited to twenty (20), professors to twenty-five (25), and representatives of boards and committees to seventy-five (75) seats in the convention. The President of every District is also entitled to a seat in the convention.
6. Restrictions in the present by-laws of the Constitution, p. 14, paragraph 1, such as “five to ten” congregations and, p. 15, “every fifteen” advisory members of the clergy and “every fifteen” school-teachers, are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNST KUECHLE, Milwaukee, Wis.

This memorial, together with unprinted Overtures 53a, b, c, and d, submitted by the same author, was disposed of according to the following *recommendations of Committee 15*:—

WHEREAS, Memorial 410 and also the unprinted Memorials 53a, b, c, and d aim at a change of, or amendment to, the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, According to the *Synodical Handbook*, page 99, 2, such proposed changes should first be submitted to the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters; therefore be it

Resolved, That Memorial 410 and unprinted Overtures 53a, b, c, and d be submitted to the Committee on Constitutional Matters for consideration and report to the next convention of Synod.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Synodical Committee on Cases of Discipline.

(Memorial 412, by the College of Presidents.)

Regarding this matter, *Committee 15* submitted the following resolution: —

WHEREAS, The resolution of the Synod of 1929 that "in cases of discipline such officers of the District as have not yet acted in the matter be given authority to appoint a committee which shall act in the name of the District in order to expedite the settlement of such cases," does not quite answer the desired purpose; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod adopt the following amendment proposed by the College of Presidents: "If any one intends to appeal in case of discipline from the decision of the District to the Synod, the President of the Synod shall be held, at the request of the appellant, to appoint a committee which is to study the case in the name and place of the Synod and to render a verdict."

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Relative to Pastors and Teachers Waiting for a Call.

(Memorial 413.)

The West Missouri Pastoral Conference begs to submit the following recommendation relative to pastors and teachers waiting for a call. We recommend —

"That the Synod consider and examine the lists of pastors and teachers waiting for a call and propose a solution in order that the present conditions may be speedily relieved."

In the name of the conference,

Kansas City, Mo., March 30, 1932.

H. DIERKS, *Secretary*.

Regarding this memorial and the unprinted Overture 86, endorsing it, *Committee 15* brought in the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the matter of procuring positions for pastors and teachers now waiting for a call be referred to the President of the Synod for consultation with the District Presidents, mission boards, and other agencies of the Synod, with a view to ameliorating as far as possible the existing conditions and hardships.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Synodical Sanction Necessary for Private Enterprises under Lutheran Name.

(Memorial 414.)

Since several private Lutheran enterprises, undertaken by well-meaning and enthusiastic members of our Synod, did not materialize according to their fond hopes, which has cast some unpleasantness upon our dear Church, Concordia Congregation, Berwyn, Ill., in meeting assembled February 12, 1931, passed this resolution:—

Resolved, That we as a congregation protest against any group's using the name of the Lutheran Church for the promotion of any public institution or venture not sanctioned by a synodical District or by the Synod.

Asking Synod to take action in this matter, we are,

Sincerely yours,

CONCORDIA EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERWYN, ILL.

W. J. SCHARMER, *Chairman*.

O. D. KIEL, *Secretary*.

Regarding this matter, *Committee 15* brought in the following resolution:—

Resolved, That, though Synod realizes the need of caution in using the Lutheran name in connection with private enterprises, no definite action be taken because the memorial is too vague.

Division of the Iowa District.

(Unprinted Memorial 67.)

Regarding this memorial, *Committee 15* reported that it was not in a position to submit any resolution because the memorial adduced no reason for the division of the District.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Separate Incorporations within the Synod.

The Board of Directors in its report (Memorial 601, B, 10, p. 175) brought up this question, concerning which *Committee 15* submitted the following resolutions:—

WHEREAS, There seems to be some doubt as to the advantages of having our institutions and boards not only depend upon the Synod's incorporation, but to have them incorporated also in their respective States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of the Synod be requested to appoint a committee to examine into the legality and the advantages or disadvantages of separate incorporations or charters of institutions, boards, and Districts within the Synod and that this committee be requested to report its findings to the next convention of the Synod.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Report of the Bureau of Information Regarding Secret Orders.

(Memorial 404.)

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Lodges, this Bureau was elected by the convention of 1929, a similar bureau having been appointed in 1926. (See *Proceedings* 1929, p. 117.)

The purpose of this Bureau is to furnish our Missouri Synod with information regarding the various secret orders, particularly with reference to the religious element which characterizes their ceremonies. The source of information is contained in authentic rituals published by the various orders, in reprints of such, especially those issued by the National Christian Association, in the various annual reports and monthly and weekly magazines published by the various fraternities, in the direct correspondence with lodge headquarters, and in the information which has come to us from pastors and laymen of our Synod. This accumulation of data on secret orders has steadily grown during the last triennium. Both at St. Louis and in Milwaukee the files of the Bureau have reached something like completeness regarding the chief fraternal orders, and this material has been organized, indexed, and catalogued. Many extracts have been made of significant portions of the rituals and other authentic documents, and these extracts, also in case of necessity the originals, have been sent to those of our pastors who needed this information.

At the present time there is reliable information available concerning 128 secret orders, or lodges. Of this number 72 were not treated in the handbook *Secret Empire*, but constitute new information by the Bureau. Regarding 21 orders, investigations are still under way, and new material is being received constantly.

The work of the Bureau has consisted in 1) a study of the lodge material in our possession; 2) making extracts of significant portions, those relating to the principles and religion of the lodge; 3) arranging and classifying the material; 4) preparing a complete catalog of all documents in the collections of the Bureau of Information; 5) correspondence with many pastors and laymen of our Synod who requested information on the various secret orders; 6) correspondence with lodge headquarters for the purpose of determining the character of the order.

All classifying, cataloguing, and making of extracts as well as correspondence with hundreds of our ministers has entailed only a moderate monthly allowance for secretarial assistance. Office equipment has been furnished free of charge.

Owing to limitations of time and funds no consistent effort has been made to reach the various lodges directly with inquiries regard-

ing their present status. Our records show that such inquiry would have been of material benefit, since important data concerning the changes which have taken place in certain lodges only reached us a considerable time after the changes had been made effective. It is the suggestion of your Bureau that a general study of the various secret orders from this standpoint be instituted.

The Bureau notes with gratification an improvement in the handling of the lodge problem by our congregations. One and all, our inquirers are definite in their statement that they uphold the resolutions of 1929; a vigorous, yet evangelical policy is being maintained. It is being recognized with no dissenting voice that an evangelical discipline must be based upon accurate knowledge concerning the nature of the particular lodge with which we have to deal; that only by staying within actual facts may we deal successfully with the brother whom we must convince of his error. In many cases the success of such negotiations have been reported to us by our pastors.

The situation has undergone a favorable change from a direction which no one could foresee three years ago. The lodges appear to have passed their culmination point a few years after the war. While they still number some thirty million members in this country, they are on the decline. It is hard to get the members together for the meetings of the locals. The childishness of the attempts at display and full-sounding titles is beginning to strike the present generation. The ritual no longer has drawing power. Most lodges complain bitterly of the lack of attendance. While it would be folly to deny that the lodge is still a power for evil, we may at least believe that the hardest conflict is passed.

The following orders have entirely dropped their lodge character:

The Mystic Workers, now the Fidelity Life Association.

The Anti-Horse Thief Association, now the Anti-Thief Association.

The Fraternal Reserve Association and the Equitable Fraternal Union, now the Equitable Reserve Association.

The Order of Beavers, now The National Mutual Benefit.

These orders have discarded all religion and other objectionable features from their ritual. They requested and received advice from pastoral conferences in Wisconsin and Illinois, and their revisions were checked by the Bureau of Information. Also the Yeomen Lodge, early in 1932, voted to discontinue its lodge character.

A large number of cases have come under our observation in which lodges conduct their insurance business distinctly from the order, requiring no obligation, dues, etc. Changes are occurring continually, and for this reason alone we are not ready to recommend the publication of a larger book describing the various orders.

Your Bureau has remained within its limits as a dispenser of

reliable and up-to-date facts regarding the various lodges. It has not given opinions on matters of practise or in cases of casuistry. Its collection of facts is available without charge to any member of our Synod.

O. F. ENGELBRECHT. THEODORE GRAEBNER.

Revision of Resolution Three Concerning the Communing of Lodge-Members.

(Memorial 405.)

The majority of the Northern Illinois District Pastoral Conference respectfully and urgently requests Synod to reconsider the third point of the resolutions of Synod concerning the communing of lodge-members. We find these resolutions on page 118 of the *Proceedings of the 34th Regular Convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*, assembled at River Forest, Ill., June 19—29, 1929.

Point Three of these resolutions reads as follows:—

“Resolved, That we do not deny that a conscientious pastor may under certain conditions (‘In cases which present unusual features, rendering their classification difficult’; Memorial 407, lines 95. 96) administer Holy Communion to a person who is still outwardly connected with a lodge. But in such a case the pastor shall earnestly beware of procrastinating and giving offense, and to this end he shall freely and conscientiously consult with his vestry and congregation, his brethren in the ministry, and the officials of Synod, as the case may require.”

Since the River Forest convention Point Three has been deplored by many friends and greeted by many enemies of our Synod as a concession to, and compromise with, lodgism.

The phraseology of this paragraph: “under certain conditions,” “in cases which present unusual features, rendering classification difficult,” is too vague, too pliable, too general, and therefore misleading, inviting abuse and wrong practise. Hence we hold that this Point Three should be eliminated or be stated more definitely.

Permit us to submit the following modification of Synod’s resolutions, which we believe to be correct and safe:—

“1. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby declare that it is, and shall be, the practise of our Synod not to administer Holy Communion to members of lodges.

“a. If any one is personally active in behalf of his lodge or directly participating in its idolatrous worship, then his pastor shall deal with him according to Matt. 18 in a truly evangelical spirit; but in the mean time such a lodge-member shall be suspended from Holy Communion because the Bible says: ‘Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s Table and of the table of devils,’ 1 Cor. 10, 21.

“b. If any one no longer attends lodge-meetings and thus no

longer actively participates in their idolatrous practises, but still upholds his membership in the lodge, then his pastor shall deal with him according to Matt. 18 in a truly evangelical spirit; but in the mean time he shall be suspended from Holy Communion until he has severed also his outward connection with the lodge, 2 Cor. 6, 14—18; 2 Thess. 3, 6. 14. 15.

"Reasons: First, because indirectly he still has fellowship with the idolatry of the lodge, 2 John 7—11;

"Secondly, because his lodge-membership is a matter which his fellow-Christians have against him, Matt. 5, 23;

"Thirdly, because admitting him to Communion would constitute an offense to the lodge-member himself and to his fellow-Christians, 1 Cor. 10, 32; Rom. 14, 13; Matt. 18, 7.

"c. If a lodge-member, after due admonition, renounces the false teachings and the idolatrous practises of his lodge and definitely promises to withdraw and sever also his external connection with his lodge, he may be admitted to Holy Communion although his withdrawal has not yet been 'formally announced to the lodge' (*Theol. Quarterly*, IX, p. 123). For while such a one is indeed technically still a lodge-member, he virtually has ceased to be one. To avoid offense, the case must be explained to the congregation.

"d. We do not deny that a conscientious pastor may in cases of imminent death give the Sacrament to a person who, though still outwardly connected with a lodge, is able and willing to examine himself, sincerely repents of his sins, and confesses faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Therefore be it further

"2. *Resolved*, That Synod, in agreement with the resolutions of 1926, instruct its officers to exercise vigilant care and urge all pastors and congregations to admonish such congregations and pastors as permit the 'lodge evil' to exist in their churches without counter-testimony and decisive action. If after due investigation it becomes evident that such congregations and pastors refuse to remove the offense, they are to be suspended and eventually expelled from synodical connection.

"3. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby declare that the practise outlined above is Scriptural and truly evangelical."

Respectfully submitted in the name of the majority of the Northern Illinois District Pastoral Conference.

E. W. A. KOEHLER.

ERNEST LAMS.

CARL ABEL.

OTTO C. A. BOECLER.

The undersigned officers of above-named conference hereby testify that the conference resolved to submit this memorial to Synod as an expression and petition of the majority.

R. PIEHLER, *Chairman*.

A. H. LANGE, *Secretary*.

Questions Respecting the Lodge Problem.

(Memorial 406.)

WHEREAS, Synod in 1929 at River Forest passed resolutions regarding the lodge problem the interpretation and application of which are disturbing consciences and therefore the peace and welfare of Synod; and

WHEREAS, Time and circumstance seem to make impossible a full discussion thereof on the floor of Synod; and

WHEREAS, The lodge problem will never be solved until the entire matter has been carefully studied by the individual congregations; therefore we, the undersigned,

Respectfully petition Synod to refer the following questions to the congregations of Synod, with the request that the replies be returned for tabulation prior to the convention in 1935:—

Question 1: Do the resolutions of 1929, published in the *Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Regular Convention*, pp. 113 ff., depart from the constantly reaffirmed position of Synod? For instance:—

A) In the *Elfter Synodalbericht der Allgemeinen Deutschen Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio u. a. Staaten vom Jahre 1863*, p. 60 f. (*Allgemeiner Praeses*: C. F. W. Walther), we read of a long and lively discussion which was aroused by an overture from the Eastern District asking whether a congregation in which one-third of the members were lodge-members could be received into Synod. Some answered yes, others answered no.

We quote the conclusion: "All these speeches and the arguments . . . clearly showed that it was impossible to bring about any agreement in this matter. Therefore it was finally *unanimously resolved* to report this to the Synod of the Eastern District as the answer to its inquiry. To this resolution, however, the following explanatory statement was added: We should not permit ourselves to be discouraged too much because we could not come to any agreement in this matter. For the matter in question is *not a point of doctrine*; we are in full agreement in doctrine on this particular article; but we are dealing with a specific case in casuistry, that is, a difficult case for official action and the conscience. The Church never has been able to reach a full agreement on each and every case of that kind; for often one theological faculty rendered a decision that was altogether different from that given by another. Since this also is happening to us now in this case, this should not cause us to be despondent, but to be humble."

B) We quote another sentence from the same *Proceedings*: "It is understood among us as a self-evident matter that members of secret societies whom we find in our congregations or who attend our churches are to be borne with great love and patience, also not to be

turned away from the Lord's Supper as long as they still are open to instruction."

C) In a letter by the sainted Dr. C. F. W. Walther, dated August 16, 1864, and printed in *Lehre und Wehre*, Vol. 59, September, 1913, pp. 394 ff., we read in part: "But here the question involved is not so much a doctrine (for in the judgment of the secret societies by the Word of God we are perfectly unanimous) as the practical application thereof in a concrete case. Herein, however, I proceed from the principle that, if I cannot prove to a man that he is not a Christian and he confesses with me the same faith, then I reject him neither from the Holy Supper nor from membership in the congregation, even though he still remains in many sins of ignorance and weakness. For if the latter were the reason for rejection, whom, then, would I accept? And if it is certain that Christ accepts some one (*jemanden*), then who am I that I should cast him out? And if I here make an exception as to the secret societies, then there vanishes from under my feet the principle, the basis, for every other acceptance and admission."

D) In the fourth convention of the Eastern District, held in 1858, "a congregation of our synodical connection which for a considerable time permitted members of secret societies to commune at its altar and yet had not admitted them to membership in the congregation and in which some misgivings had arisen in regard to this matter, had submitted a number of questions in writing to Synod, asking for an opinion.

"a) *First Question*: Can members of secret societies be received as guests at Holy Communion for a longer period of time?

"*Answer*: It is the opinion of Synod that one dare not dabble in this matter with laws and ordinances and with them bind the consciences of the preachers. This matter as well as all such cases as belong to the cure of souls (*Privatseelsorge*) must be left to the individual preacher. In regard to admitting individuals belonging to secret societies to the Holy Supper as well as in general in regard to all communicants he is to inquire solely whether a person is really a believer; if this is the case, and if he be otherwise ever so weak and in regard to secret societies ever so hazy, a preacher must receive him. For it is not within his power to deny the treasures of the kingdom of heaven to a lamb of Christ, and though it be the very weakest. We preachers should rather beware of rejecting any one who by faith has become a member of the body of Christ, even though he be a weak member; for it would be harder for us to answer for such a thing on the Last Day than for being anxiously careful not to admit an unworthy guest." (*Synodalbericht des Oestlichen Distrikts der Deutschen Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio u. a. Staaten*, 1858, pp. 22. 23.) The meeting was held in Old Trinity, New York, President C. F. D. Wyneken representing the Synod at large.

NB. Many similar quotations from official publications of Synod could be given.

Question 2: Shall we continue to abide by the original position and practise of our Synod?

Question 3: If the answer to these questions should show a division of opinion among our congregations, shall we, in this question of the application of Scriptural principles to Christian life, respect one another's conviction and conscience and bear with one another as brethren?

Respectfully submitted by

THE COMMITTEE:

REV. ARTHUR BRUNN.

REV. FRANK JENA.

REV. F. W. WEIDMANN.

REV. H. P. ECKHARDT.

REV. F. P. WILHELM.

REV. ERWIN KURTH.*

REV. GEO. C. KOENIG.

* In addition to the names of the committee the overture has 131 signatures. F. Pf.

On these three memorials and several unprinted overtures the following *report* was brought in:—

Report of Committee 16.

Your Committee was asked to submit reports on three printed memorials recorded in the *Reports and Memorials* as Nos. 404, 405, and 406.

Your Committee also considered an unprinted memorial from the Northeastern Nebraska Conference, which protests against the mailing of pamphlets and other literature to pastors and congregations anonymously; another from the Central Pastoral Conference of the Colorado District, which endorses Overture 405; another from the Baltimore City Conference, which suggests that Overtures 405 and 406 be referred back to their respective authors for further consideration; and another from the Kansas City Special Pastoral Conference, which demands that the 1929 resolutions stand as a basis for lodge practise in the future.

Concerning *Memorial 404*:—

Your Committee would like to direct attention to the fine work which your Bureau of Information Regarding Secret Orders has again done in the last triennium and to this end invites the careful perusal and study of Report No. 404. Also in the future this bureau should function, and all persons requiring information on secret orders should seek its aid and cooperation. Your Committee wishes to call attention in particular to the following paragraphs of the report:—

"The Bureau notes with gratification an improvement in the handling of the lodge problem by the congregations. One and all, our inquirers are definite in their statement that they uphold the resolutions of 1929; a vigorous, yet evangelical policy is being main-

tained. It is being recognized with no dissenting voice that an evangelical discipline must be based upon accurate knowledge concerning the nature of the particular lodge with which we have to deal; that only by staying within actual facts may we deal successfully with a brother whom we must convince of his error. In many cases the success of such negotiations has been reported to us by our pastors.

"The situation has undergone a favorable change from a direction which no one could foresee three years ago. The lodges appear to have passed their culmination point a few years after the war. While they still number some 30 million members in this country, they are on the decline. The ritual no longer has drawing power. Most lodges complain bitterly of lack of attendance. While it would be folly to deny that the lodge is still a power for evil, we may at least believe that the hardest conflict is past."

Both paragraphs certainly contain vital and assuring information, which ought to encourage us in our testimony for Christ against the lodge.

Our *recommendations* on *Memorial 404*:—

1. That the Bureau of Information Regarding Secret Orders be retained;
2. That this Bureau of Information be asked to compile, to supply as requested, and, if necessary, to publish all official pronouncements of Synod on its lodge practise;
3. That all necessary clerical help be supplied the Bureau to carry on its work.

Memorial 405 holds that lodge-members should under no condition be admitted to Holy Communion, but that in cases of imminent death a conscientious pastor may give the Sacrament to a person who, "though still outwardly connected with a lodge, is able and willing to examine himself, sincerely repents of his sins, and confesses faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior." This declaration Synod is asked to substitute for Point Three of Synod's lodge resolutions of 1929, since this paragraph, it is alleged, "has been deplored by many friends and greeted by many enemies of our Synod as a concession to, and compromise with, lodgism."

With respect to *Memorial 405* your Committee is convinced that the mode of procedure outlined therein is not in harmony with the evangelical spirit expressed in the pastoral advice of our sainted fathers. While persons who are antagonistic to the decision of Scripture on the lodge question or who are indifferent and callous should not be admitted to Holy Communion, the hands of conscientious pastors should not be tied to deal in exceptional cases of outward lodge connection as their conscience, bound by the Word of God, dictates. This has always been the advice of our sainted teachers, and your Committee is convinced that it accords with Holy Scriptures, although

we insist that in the light and with the background of the other points of the resolutions a liberal interpretation of Point Three of the Resolutions of 1929 is impossible.

Memorial 406 petitions Synod to refer the following questions to the congregations of Synod, with a request that the replies be returned for tabulation prior to the convention of 1935:—

Question 1: Do the resolutions of 1929, published in the *Proceedings* of the Thirty-fourth Regular Convention, page 113 ff., depart from the constantly reaffirmed position of Synod?

Question 2: Shall we continue to abide by the original position and practise of our Synod?

Question 3: If the answer to these questions should show a division of opinion among our congregations, shall we, in this question of the application of Scriptural principles to Christian life, respect one another's conviction and conscience and bear with one another as brethren?

The request for a referendum is made because, as the memorial declares, 1) the interpretation and application of the resolutions of 1929 are disturbing consciences and therefore the peace and welfare of Synod; 2) time and circumstance, it is claimed, seem to make impossible a full discussion of the lodge problem on the floor of Synod; and 3) the lodge problem, it is said, will never be solved until the entire matter has been carefully studied by the individual congregations.

With regard to the historical questions involved in the discussion, your Committee is convinced that the resolutions of 1929 represent the historical lodge practise of our Synod. While it is true that the lodge practise has not always been uniform in all our congregations, Synod itself never tolerated laxness on this score, but recognized lodgeism as unchristian and antichristian and prescribed an evangelical, yet vigorous practise by which its members might be preserved or rescued from lodge entanglements. If the question is asked whether the quotations sent to various ministers and congregations actually set forth the historical lodge practise of the Missouri Synod, an opinion, written by a special committee of the Faculty of Concordia Seminary at St. Louis and sustained by the entire Faculty, replies that "the presentation is far from complete and satisfactory" and clinches its reply with an emphatic *no*. We likewise refer Synod to the Report of the Synodical Conference of 1904, in which the same lodge practise is prescribed as in the resolutions of 1929. In this report the general rule concerning communing of lodge-members is stated thus: "*Ein Logenbruder, der zum Tische des Herrn gehen will und des Herrn Tod verkündigen muss and dies auch tun will, kann dies nur in der Weise tun, dass er der Loge den Ruecken wendet, das Band mit ihr*

zerschneidet und ihr seine Zugehoerigkeit kuendigt. Und solches muss geschehen, BEVOR er zum heiligen Abendmahl geht." (P. 44.)

With regard to possibly exceptional cases the report has the following to say: "*Dabei wollen wir nicht sagen, dass es nicht ganz abnorme Verhaeltnisse geben koennte, ueber die zu urteilen nicht die Sache einer eine Generalregel abgebenden Arbeit ist. Wie da zu handeln ist, muss dem Gewissen und der Weisheit des einzelnen Pastors anheimgestellt werden.*"

While your Committee urgently recommends a thorough study of the lodge problem by all of our congregations on the basis of Holy Scriptures, it nevertheless believes that a referendum as requested in Memorial 406 is entirely unnecessary, for the reason already given.

Your Committee has given the matter all and every consideration that time permitted. It was in session on the questions submitted five times and gave all interested parties an opportunity to explain their position in open meetings. It therefore begs leave to submit to Synod the following resolutions:—

That the 1929 resolutions of Synod at River Forest, adopted unanimously after thorough deliberation, shall stand unchanged as the official declaration of Synod.

That we all, congregations, pastors, and officials, earnestly and conscientiously continue to carry the resolutions of 1926 and 1929 into effect.

We believe that all unprinted memorials are also covered by these resolutions.

It has been reported to your Committee that the whole lodge question has received much consideration throughout Synod and that the resolutions of 1929 have been applied with blessed results. May God in His infinite grace grant that we may all abide by His Word and continue to testify against the evil of lodgism to His glory and the eternal welfare of many souls purchased with His blood!

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report with its recommendations.

V. PUBLICATIONAL MATTERS.

Report of Concordia Publishing House.

(Memorial 501.)

The Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House, in submitting its due report to Synod, begs leave to state that there have been several changes in the *personnel* since the election of 1929. Mr. Robert H. Leonhardt, for many years president of the Board, resigned early in 1932, and his place has not been filled. Mr. Walter

Junghans, now acting president, Mr. R. C. Obermann, and Mr. W. F. Wischmeyer have another three-year term to serve. Mr. M. J. Roschke in 1930 took the place of Mr. Geo. Hoerber, deceased; Mr. Oscar P. Brauer succeeded Mr. Henry Luehrmann, who resigned in 1931. For these two gentlemen and for Pastor Rud. H. C. Meyer (and now also for Mr. Leonhardt) successors must be elected at this convention.

Mr. A. A. Grossmann, who for more than five years filled the position of assistant manager, resigned March 31, 1931. For various reasons a successor has not as yet been appointed.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the splendid cooperation we are receiving from the General Literature Board, the Juvenile Literature Board, and the Board of Christian Education.

Our financial report cannot be submitted together with these lines as our fiscal year closes on April 30. As we have done in previous years, we shall submit this report during the convention as a supplement.

Our business has suffered in volume and in profitableness during the past triennium. We have good reasons to be grateful, however, that our retrogression in these respects has not been as marked as that in most other businesses. We have been able to pay dividends to Synod regularly at the rate of \$10,000 a month, or a total of \$120,000 for each of the three fiscal years.

We submit for interested perusal the following list of publications which issued from our presses during the triennium 1929—32.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE

During the Triennium 1929—1932.

Arndt: Does the Bible Contradict Itself? Second edition, revised.

Hymn-book, Styles WAR, WIR, WAB, WIB.

Graded Memory Course, Part III, Intermediate and Senior Departments.

Graded Memory Course Cards.

Graded Memory Course Card Record Sheets, First Year; Second Year.

Maier: The Jeffersonian Ideals of Religious Liberty.

Arndt: Siehe, ich stehe vor der Tuer.

Kretzmann (Tract No. 110): Lutheran Principle of Indoctrination *vs.* the Pedagogy of Modernism.

Krueger (Men and Missions No. VIII): Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth.

Kalender, 1930, 1931, 1932.

Statistical Year-book, 1929, 1930.

Hoelter (Concordia Collection No. 13): Sing, O Ye Heavens.

Hahn: From Heaven Above (solo); Savior, I Follow On (solo).

Maier (KFUO Tracts 9—12): Thou Shalt Not Kill with the Tongue;

Dangerous Tendencies in Modern Marriages; Wanted: Better Homes;

Hurdling Life's Barriers.

Kretzschmar: Stewardship Life.

Kraeft: Religion for Primary Grades in Units of Learning.

Kaepfel: Preludes and Postludes for the Organ.

Kuehnert: Rally Day Program.

Polack (Men and Missions No. VII): David Livingstone.

Young: Light in the Dark Belt.
 Schroeder: Sunbeams.
 Christmas Liturgy: First Christmas.
 Tract No. 83 (reprint): Augsburg Confession.
 Traktat Nr. 166: Augsburgische Konfession.
 Lochner: The Good Shepherd.
 Maurer: The Junior High School.
 Luther: Messe und Ordnung des Gottesdienstes.
 Vors: A Hymn of Praise; Praise the Lord; Ye Heav'ns, Adore Him (solo).
 Bertram (Concordia Collection No. 14): Underneath the Everlasting Arms.
 Hoppe: Beyond the Skies (solo).
 Vors: An Evening Prayer (solo).
 Graebner: Story of the Augsburg Confession; Brief Story of the Augsburg Confession.
 Hahn: Three Concert Numbers for Pipe-organ.
 Graebner-Hueschen: Eine kurze Geschichte der Augsburgischen Konfession.
 Cantata: A Song Service.
 Easter Program: Christ is Risen.
 American Lutheran Augsburg Confession Anniversary Medal.
 Hartenberger: Zeugnisse der Wahrheit.
 Dallmann: The Holy Ghost.
 Polack (Mission Program): Preaching the Word; Predigt das Wort.
 Koenig: Faith Victorious.
 Koenig-Hueschen (Mission Program): Siegreicher Glaube.
 Pieper: Grundbekenntnis der evangelisch-lutherischen Kirche.
 Dallmann: Peter: Life and Letters.
 Schumacher: Luther's Battle-cry (solo).
 Polack: Wedding Song (solo).
 Buszin (Concordia Collection No. 15): We Praise the Lord — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."
 Buszin (Seminary Choruses No. 6): Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling.
 Dallmann: The Midnight Lion.
 Kaepfel: Festal Preludes and Offertories.
 Kaepfel: Forty Chorale Preludes for the Organ.
 Ebert-Zurstadt: Lehrplan fuer den Unterricht in der deutschen Sprache in den Elementarschulen.
 Luke: Lektionsbuch fuer Schule und Haus.
 Evans: The Pine Ridge Feud.
 Caemmerer (Christmas Program): Prince of Peace.
 Koehler: A Christian Pedagogy.
 Maier (KFUO Tracts 13—16): Prayer — Its Use and Abuse; Trifling with Life's Trifles; Courtship; Weddings — and What They Should Be.
 Polack: Into All the World.
 Herrmann: Oh, that Salvation Now were Come!
 Wismar (Seminary Choruses): No. 7: Vere Languores; O Bone Jesu; No. 8: Sing; No. 9: Dearest Lord Jesus, Oh, Why Dost Thou Tarry.
 Luke: Outlines of Lessons for Correspondence Course for Sunday-school Teachers (second, revised edition).
 Wind: The Delightful Road.
 Krug: Good Manners for Boys and Girls (second, enlarged edition).
 Hemmeter: Family Prayers.
 Brunn: The Church and the Christian Education of the Children.
 Kretzmann (Men and Missions No. 9): Glimpses of the Lives of Great Missionary Women.
 Kaepfel: 100 Easy Organ Preludes.
 Wismar (Seminary Choruses No. 10): Haec Est Dies.
 Fritz (Tract No. 114): Religious Unionism.
 Buchheimer: Things New and Old.

Vors (Concordia Collection No. 16): All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
 Vors: The Mercy Seat (solo).
 Doerffler: The Burden Made Light.
 Wiersig (Concordia Collection No. 17): Abide with Me.
 Polack: Sing unto the Lord (a song service).
 Bach-Lee (Concordia Collection No. 18): Jesus, Priceless Treasure.
 Wessel: The Living Hope.
 Walther-Prange: Church-membership.
 Schaab (Tract No. 115): Why I Became a Christian.
 Luke: Lessons for Beginners.
 Drewes: Mission-stories.
 Luke: Rally-day Program.
 Polack: Story of Luther.
 Graebner: Dr. Francis Pieper (a biographical sketch).
 Potzger: Curriculum for the Teaching of Science in the Lutheran Elementary Schools.
 Mertz and Siems: Curriculum in Spelling for Lutheran Schools.
 Bach-Beck (Seminary Choruses): No. 11: Wachet auf! Awake, Awake!
 No. 12: Erschallet, ihr Lieder. Sing Praises, Ye Faithful.
 Dallmann: How Peter Became Pope.
 Maurer (Concordia Collection No. 19): The Passion of Jesus.
 Klein (Seminary Choruses): No. 13: Der Herr ist mein Hirte. The Lord Is My Shepherd.
 Wind: Day of Trouble.
 Struckmeyer (Christmas Program): Rejoice Ye.
 Mezger: Lessons on the Small Catechism of Dr. M. Luther (third edition, slightly revised).
 Lundquist (Concordia Collection): No. 20: My Soul Longeth; No. 21: Pentecost; No. 22: In Lowly Manger; No. 23: At the Cross.
 Kaepfel: Thematic Chorale Preludes.
 Lundquist (Seminary Choruses No. 14): Lord Jesus, who Dost Love Me.
 Maier: Lutheran Hour.
 Deffner-Diesing: Curriculum in Art for Lutheran Schools.
 Hahn: Chorale Anthology.
 Stelhorn (Tract 116): Congregational Boards of Education.
 Eissfeldt: Gelegenheitspredigten.
 Moenkemoeller: The Festivals and Sacrifices of Israel.
 Sommer: The Truth Which Makes Us Free.
 Song Service: "Sing."
 Arndt: Bible Difficulties.
 Dallmann: John — Disciple, Evangelist, Apostle.

Besides these titles we have produced large quantities of purely mechanical items, such as covers for filing periodicals, letter-heads, envelopes, and other stationery jobs, over seventy million church collection envelopes, single and in regular or special sets, etc.

The Concordia edition of the Bobbs-Merrill Readers (Baker and Baker) has now been acquired as our absolute property. It has consumed a very large amount of cash, but we believe it has been a wise move to buy the plates outright rather than to continue under the contract arrangement. We are being handsomely supported by our schools on these readers. Incidentally we may say that we are, at least with reference to the price of these books, able to compete with the whole field of schoolbook publishers, although our profit on this item would be regarded as unattractive from a purely business point of view.

We are awaiting further instructions of Synod or Synod's committee regarding the publication of a proposed new catechism or a graded series of catechisms; also regarding the publication of a new hymn-book.

In this report we refrain from making any proposal regarding the *Synodalbericht* problem. We have repeatedly made recommendations; in 1929 we made a very good and unselfish recommendation; but all our endeavors have been in vain. After all, the problem is not our problem, but Synod's. If Synod does not insist on the publication of District reports and if synodical Districts do not cooperate in this direction, we have no call to propose further remedies.

The celebrated *Predigtstudien* (New Testament series) scattered throughout old volumes of the *Homiletic Magazine* have been gathered and edited by Dr. Fuerbringer and have been published, not by us, but by a European publisher with whom we maintain friendly relations. We deserve and claim credit for this undertaking, for the European publisher would not have taken it upon himself except with our cooperation. If the Gospel collection gains the business success that we hope and expect, the Epistle series will be similarly published.

Our Church Collection Envelope business has been quite satisfactory. We believe we are furnishing the great majority of our churches their collection envelopes. A few customers are won away from us by real or only seeming advantages in the way of prices. One of our competitors has recently, for reasons we cannot understand, cut his prices to such an extent that we simply cannot match them without pocketing a considerable loss. If our customers are attracted by those unwarranted prices, which we have partially met, then we must for the time being simply lose that portion of the Collection Envelope business. It would, however, be handsome if our own people, who own our House and whose Synod gets all the profit from our operations, would be broad-minded enough to give us their business in spite of the fact that they can save a small amount on this year's order if they give it to our competitor.

Within reason we are making earnest efforts, in which we are generously supported by our editors, to increase the number of subscribers for our official organs, *Der Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*. In the end, however, a wider dissemination of these papers can be attained only through the whole-hearted cooperation particularly of our pastors, but also of our laymen. Both papers are now a little more than supporting themselves. Both papers, however, do not make a profit sufficiently large to justify extravagant propaganda in the shape of premiums, commissions, and the like. We are, as far as per capita circulation is concerned, proportionately well off. There are not many church-bodies that can boast as fair a circulation as ours; and yet the combined circulation of the *Lutheraner* and the

Witness means but one paper to about ten of our adult membership. Even if we consider the membership by families, we have but one paper to every nine families. Accordingly eight families out of every nine in our Synod are still content to worry along without having regular official contact with their Synod.

Our professional magazines, the *Concordia Theological Monthly* and the *School Journal*, register a monetary loss, as they always have done and probably always will. Larger support would be desirable, and the blessing accruing to our professional men, clergymen, teachers, and the schoolboards, would more than justify a larger circulation. A recent study of all the data obtainable regarding similar publications seems to indicate that we are not by any means the greatest sufferers in this respect, such magazines (like high schools, colleges, and universities) simply must be financed or endowed in some way, as they cannot collect in the way of subscription fees (or in the way of dues) as much as it costs to operate them.

The *Concordia Pulpit* has now experienced three successful annual editions. It does seem that this book is satisfactorily meeting a real want.

Our Sunday-school series, taken as a whole, is on a very substantial footing. It is a source of gratification that we practically have a monopoly in this respect in the Missouri Synod. We have competition, it is true. It is also true that a number of our Sunday-schools are not yet using our material; but we, and Synod with us, have all reason to be grateful for the success of this feature of our work.

Our schoolbook business has just about dwindled to nothing except religious books, Bible History and Catechism, and our readers. On hymn-books in both languages we believe we now have over 90% of the business that we have a right to expect. The ordinary editions of hymn-books yield a good profit; but some items must yield a relatively good profit in order to offset the many items that we sell on a scant margin of profit.

Reduction in prices has been suggested to us, has been urged upon us, and we happen to know that a memorial will be addressed to Synod suggesting that Synod order a general reduction in our prices. We shall be prepared to show the committee that passes on this report and that will probably make recommendations on price reduction memorials that our prices are not only reasonable, but more than reasonable. Unless Synod is willing and ready more or less to change the character of its Publishing House from a business institution to a distributing agency, we must regard it as unwise to make any further reduction in the profit rate accruing to Synod out of the operations of Concordia. We respectfully recommend to the

committee sitting on our report, and through them to Synod, not to pass any drastic resolutions enforcing a price cut.

Our patrons must have noticed that in recent years we have been unusually active in the publication of religious music, not only for choirs, but particularly also for the church organ. It is too early to survey the results from a business point of view. We believe, however, that in the course of years this department of our work will prove not only useful to our constituents, but profitable to us.

We intimated in 1929 that to publish our own special edition of Luther's Works in English, as proposed, either complete or abridged, might prove unnecessary in view of the fact that others were busy in this direction. An edition of six selected volumes from Luther's Works by a Philadelphia publisher with whom we are on friendly terms is now five-sixth completed. Our own special committee on Luther's Works in English is, subject to modification of its opinion after the sixth volume will have appeared, rather satisfied to accept the six-volume set of selected writings from Luther as a selection fairly adequate for our own needs. Our own edition of Luther's Works in English is therefore not thought of.

Respectfully submitted,

RUD. H. C. MEYER, *Secretary.*

Committee 17, on Publicational Matters, had carefully examined this report of Concordia Publishing House and brought in the following *general report*:—

The triennial report of Concordia Publishing House, covering its entire activity during this period of time, was examined in detail, also on the basis of an extensive oral report by Mr. E. Seuel, manager of the Publishing House. The report shows that our publishing institution has been rendering the Church its customary excellent work, not only in the field of the regular periodical publications, but also in that of supplying our Synod with good religious books. Although it, too, suffered on account of the world-wide depression, it was not affected in the same measure as other publishing houses in the field of religious literature. It should be commended for issuing so many important and timely publications. A special feature of the triennium was a survey of the Publishing House made at the instigation of the Board of Directors. This survey covered every phase of the institution's work, not only matters of doctrine and conscience, but also merchandizing, manufacturing, relation of the management to the *personnel* and the relation of the Publishing House to its customers. The result of this survey was an unqualified endorsement of the Publishing House in every phase of its work. This ought to be recognized very gratefully.

Triennial Financial Report of Concordia Publishing House.

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Titles	Debits	Credits	Resources	Liabilities	Losses	Gains
Net Worth, 5/1/29		\$1,223,159.43		\$1,223,159.43		
Special Discount L. B. S.	\$ 1,961.41		\$ 1,961.41		\$ 1,961.41	\$591,286.51
Merchandise	1,364,896.06	1,294,995.82	753,492.17	92,305.42	72,688.72	
Plant	655,225.86		582,537.14		7,985.58	
Insurance	18,848.37	8,237.22	2,625.57		44,653.28	
Interest, Discount, and Rent	82,162.07	37,508.79				
Insurance Fund	72,000.00		72,000.00			
Dividend Reserve	45,750.00		45,750.00			
Accounts	427,155.10	245,914.98	140,678.48	26,952.83	67,514.47	
L. B. S. Liquidation	15,405.96		15,405.96			
Cash	16,411.41		16,411.41			
Dividends	360,000.00		360,000.00			
Bills Payable		250,000.00		250,000.00		
Gain				398,444.46	396,483.05	
	\$3,059,816.24	\$3,059,816.24	\$1,990,862.14	\$1,990,862.14	\$591,286.51	\$591,286.51

Result of Business		Schedule of Present Worth	
Worth, 5/1/29		Merchandise	\$753,492.17
Dividends Paid	\$ 360,000.00	Plant	582,537.14
Gain		Investments	117,750.00
Worth, 4/30/32	1,259,642.48	Accounts	140,878.48
		L. B. S. Liquidation	15,405.96
	\$1,619,642.48	Cash	16,411.41
		Prepaid Insurance	2,625.57
			\$1,628,900.73
		Less Accounts and Bills Payable	369,258.25
			\$1,259,642.48

Concordia Publishing House.
E. SEUEL, Manager.

The accounts of Concordia Publishing House as submitted to our committee were found to be correct in every particular, a proof of the fact that the administration of the institution is thoroughly business-like and efficient.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

As to the *revision of the Catechism* mentioned in the report of the Publishing House the committee appointed by the President to make a thorough study of our Synodical Catechism with a view to its eventual revision as well as to the grading of the Catechism material (*Proceedings*, 1929, p. 131) submitted the following report:—

Report on Revision of the Catechism.

(Memorial 502.)

Your Committee met at River Forest, January 6, 1930, organized, and not only adopted principles to govern the revision of the Catechism, but also assigned portions of the Catechism to the individual members, with the direction that each study especially the portion assigned to him and send his suggestions of changes to be made to the chairman, who, in conjunction with Prof. Ed. Koehler, was to consider carefully the suggested changes and then submit their revision to the other members of the committee. In this manner your Committee hoped to clear away much of the necessary preliminary work without undue loss of time to the committee as a whole and without unwarranted expense to Synod because of numerous and lengthy meetings. The first draft of the revision has been sent to the chairman, and the second draft of the First Chief Part has been submitted to the members of the committee and returned by them to the subcommittee.

In our synodical periodicals we asked for suggestions from pastors, teachers, and others interested in the revision and were pleased to find such a wide and sincere interest taken in this matter. All the suggestions submitted were taken into consideration by the revisers. However, the nature of these suggestions varied to the greatest extent possible. While some insisted that the present text be left unchanged in all particulars, others demanded that changes, sometimes of quite a radical nature, be made in the presentation, arrangement of subject-matter, etc. Opinions on this matter seem to be fairly equally divided, at least as far as we can judge from our correspondence. Due to the proximity of Synod and the present depression we felt that it was neither proper nor wise to go to the expense of calling a meeting of the entire committee, which would perhaps but result in our arriving at the same conclusion, namely, to ask Synod for more specific instructions with regard to the nature of the revision.

We therefore respectfully ask Synod to determine whether the revision should be restricted to mere changes in the present English

text (use of idiomatic English; occasional division of long answers into two or three answers; occasional addition or omission of an answer, a proof-text or a Bible-story), permitting the revised text to be used side by side in the classroom with the present text, the revision, in other words, being governed by the principles followed in the revision of our *Kirchengesangbuch*, or whether the changes should be of a more far-reaching nature, involving practically a rewriting also of the German text and making the classroom use of the present text, together with the revised text, practically impossible.

Awaiting further instructions, we are,

With fraternal greetings,

THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CATECHISM.

THEO. LAETSCH, *Chairman*.

Concerning this matter, *Committee 17* submitted the following resolution and recommendations:—

Resolved, That we restrict the changes in the new English Catechism to more suitable memory verses, idiomatic English, simplification of answers, additional questions, a few additional Bible-stories, etc.

We recommend that the committee and the Publishing House indicate grades of the Catechism by different forms of print.

The recommendations of the committee do not refer to the German version, since we feel that the present German Synodical Catechism will serve the needs of our work also in the future.

Synod *adopted* this report.

District Synodical Reports.

Committee 17 reported:—

With regard to the reference [in the report of the Publishing House] concerning the printing of the synodical reports, your Committee recommends that this be referred to the President and the Vice-Presidents of Synod together with the Board of Directors for adjustment.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

Sermon Studies.

Regarding this matter, mentioned in the report of the Publishing House, *Committee 17* submitted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod go on record as welcoming the publishing of the German sermon studies prepared by Dr. Fuerbringer and encourage the Publishing House in its capacity as agent for this publication. The hope is expressed that similar works will appear as soon as feasible.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Collection Envelopes.

Pertaining to this matter, *Committee 17* proposed the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House is conducted entirely in the interest of our Church and its missions; and

WHEREAS, The profits of Concordia Publishing House are being used to carry on the work of our Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That all members of Synod be urgently requested to give all their business in the line of collection envelopes, etc., to our own Publishing House.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Blanket-Subscription Plan for Church-Papers.

The report of the Publishing House mentioned the comparatively limited distribution of our church-papers, while *Memorial 506*, by President Janssen, advocated the "blanket-subscription plan" for the *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness*.

Committee 17 submitted the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, The blanket subscription, which aims to place one of our official organs, either the *Lutheraner* or the *Lutheran Witness*, into every home of our Church, has been found to be very beneficial, if rightly used; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge every congregation to consider this plan for the dissemination of accurate official information through our official publications and, if possible, to adopt it.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Subscription to Professional Magazines.

Since the report of the Publishing House called attention to the limited distribution of our professional magazines, *Committee 17* proposed the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, Our professional magazines, the *Concordia Theological Monthly* for pastors and the *School Journal* for teachers, are very necessary for the professional information and development of our pastors and teachers; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of our pastors, teachers, and school boards to this fact and urge them to subscribe.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Prices of Concordia Publishing House Products.

Memorial 518 petitioned Synod to effect a similar price reduction on all books and merchandise produced and handled by Concordia Publishing House as was said to have been made by other concerns,

while the Publishing House report asks Synod to pass no drastic resolutions enforcing a price cut.

Committee 17 recommended the adoption of the following *resolution*:—

WHEREAS, The profits of our Publishing House are used entirely in the interest of our Church and its work; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors at our Publishing House together with the manager have constantly tried to keep the prices at as low a level as possible consistent with good business ethics; therefore be it

Resolved, That we declare our confidence in the Concordia Publishing House that this condition will obtain also in the future, the prices being placed as low as may seem consistent with the best business policy.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

English Edition of Luther's Works.

Recommendation of *Committee 17*:—

WHEREAS, The request for an English edition of Luther's works has been very successfully met by the publishing of the so-called Holman edition, which is sold also by Concordia Publishing House; therefore we

Recommend, That Synod urge our congregations and pastors to purchase this set for regular use.

This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Report of the Committee on English Hymnology and Liturgics. (Memorial 503.)

In accord with the resolution of the last Delegate Synod your Ven. General President appointed a standing Committee on English Hymnology and Liturgics, composed of the following members: Prof. W. G. Polack, chairman; Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D.; Prof. L. Blankenbuehler; the Rev. O. Kaiser; Mr. B. Schumacher, secretary. This committee has been at its task since its organization on November 20, 1929.

Your Ven. General President, also in compliance with a resolution of your last general convention, requested the sister synods of the Synodical Conference, through their respective Presidents, to cooperate with your Committee in this work, with the view of having the new hymnal, upon its completion, serve the entire Synodical Conference. The following men were appointed by their respective synodical Presidents: Wisconsin Synod, Prof. J. Meyer and the Rev. O. Hagedorn; Norwegian Synod: the Rev. C. Anderson and the Rev. N. A. Madson; Slovak Synod: the Rev. J. Pelikan.

On January 3, 1930, these brethren, together with your Committee, organized the Joint Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics of the synods comprising the Synodical Conference of North America. Regular quarterly meetings have since been held, and a fine spirit of cordial and brotherly cooperation has prevailed throughout.

The following general guiding principles were adopted:—

1) *Hymns*:—

- a) Must be distinctively Christian in character.
- b) Must be of intrinsic value as to form and content.

2) *Translations*:—

- a) Must be a faithful rendering of the original.
- b) Must be in fluent, idiomatic English.

3) *Tunes*:—

- a) Must be suited to the text.
- b) Must be good church music. (Exceptions may be made in such cases as have text and tune associated so intimately as to be almost inseparable.)

Your Committee divided its work and appointed a number of subcommittees. The following brethren responded to our invitation and are serving on these: Professors Wm. Burhop, O. Hattstaedt, W. Buszin, E. Backer, M. Lochner, K. Haase, P. E. Kretzmann, D. D., R. W. Heintze, S. Ylvisaker, Ph. D., and Dr. J. H. Ott, as well as Pastors Wm. Lochner, A. Voss, J. H. Deckman, C. M. Waller, K. Ehlers, and Carl Hoffmann.

Subsequently, as Dr. L. Fuerbringer and Prof. J. Meyer requested to be relieved of their duties on this committee because of the stress of other work, your Committee retained them as honorary members and received, upon their appointment by the respective synodical Presidents, Prof. A. Zich and the Rev. Wm. Moll as regular members.

The responses to your Committee's several requests published in our church-papers were very gratifying, giving evidence of a very wide-spread interest in our work. All suggestions and recommendations as well as translations submitted are being duly considered. As it was manifestly impossible to acknowledge all individual letters because of lack of time, your Committee wishes to do so now, by this means, and to thank the brethren, one and all, for their ready cooperation. Your Committee welcomes additional suggestions at all times.

The willing cooperation of Concordia Publishing House, which is furnishing the necessary hymnals and other books for our work, is herewith also thankfully acknowledged.

Your Committee also desires to express its appreciation of the kindly interest in our work shown by brethren of our sister synod in Australia.

Your Committee has up to the time of making this report definitely accepted about sixty hymns. This number will, however, be materially increased in the near future as the various subcommittees submit the reports on which they have been working for some time.

Your Committee would like to have an expression from this convention as to whether a partial printed report of recommended hymns is desired from time to time or whether a provisional hymnal should be published, and if so, in what form this is to be done and to whom the reports are to be sent or the provisional hymnal.

Finally, your Committee hopes to be able, if the Lord grants grace, to present its completed manuscript at the General Convention in 1938, when, no doubt, the centennial of the Saxon emigration will be observed.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH HYMNOLGY AND LITURGICS.

W. G. POLACK, *Chairman*.

Committee 17 brought in the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod's Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics be instructed to keep Synod duly advised with reference to the plans and the progress of its work on the proposed new hymnal with a view to obtaining advice and criticism. Correspondents having valuable suggestions to make anent the work should address the committee (Prof. W. G. Polack, chairman) of their own initiative.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

Report of the Literature Board.

(Memorial 504.)

The report of the Literature Board may again be quite brief. We have held regular monthly and, occasionally, extra meetings and have again drawn into consultation numerous competent advisers, single or in groups; we have delegated special duties to groups of specialists. We have again experienced the whole-hearted cooperation of the Publishing House board and particularly also of the St. Louis Faculty, which passes on all questions of orthodoxy.

We must not fail to mention the Juvenile Literature Board, upon whose shoulders there now devolves the entire advisory censorship with respect to fiction for juvenile and adult readers.

We have not carried out the resolution of Synod to initiate a series of historical books, practically for the same reasons mentioned in our report to the last convention, and probably for the additional reason that under the present business depression it does not seem advisable to undertake the task. We take it as Synod's wish, however, that we shall continue this problem on our docket.

A survey of the list of publications printed during the last triennium as contained in the report of the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House will show that we have creditably succeeded in offering our Church some of the "treasures of our German-speaking forefathers in English." We are continuing our efforts in this direction.

A text-book for the study of the German language adapted to to-day's requirements is in work.

A special committee is at work on a proposed new hymn-book.

A new catechism, a single book or a progressive series, is being handled by a special synodical committee.

A special committee is at work on a proposed music reader.

Luther's works in English has been assigned to a special committee, which, we think, will report through Concordia Publishing House.

A new pastoral theology is practically completed in manuscript, but has not yet been passed by the St. Louis Faculty.

A book on comparative symbolics has not yet been produced, but is in work.

Many other details of our work could be cited, but it will probably suffice to say that we are, according to the best of our ability and with the best of advice that we can employ, attempting to perform the functions expected of us.

A motion to increase the size of our Board will probably come before Synod. We beg to make the suggestion that the increase be not too great. A board of five is probably large enough and is perhaps better than a board of three. Too large a board will in our modest opinion impede the operations.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. BUCHHEIMER, *Secretary.*

With reference to this report, *Committee 17* recommended this resolution:—

WHEREAS, Present conditions do not make it advisable to venture into the field of general publishing of historical material; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do not advocate the printing of additional books in the historical field at this time; however, the Literature Board is to be encouraged to go on with its task.

Since *Memorial 510, 10*, recommended that the Literature Board be increased to five members, *Committee 17* submitted this resolution:—

Resolved, That the *personnel* of the Literature Board be increased from three to five members.

Both resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Report of the Juvenile Literature Board.

(Memorial 505.)

In the year 1914 this Board was called into being for the purpose of reading and recommending books for the children and young people of our Church. For eighteen years therefore your Board has endeavored to do the work which Synod asked it to do. Regular monthly meetings were held year after year, and so far nearly 4,000 books have been read, of which about 1,400 were found worthy of recommendation or mention in the special *Catalog of Adult and Juvenile Literature* which Concordia Publishing House publishes both as an appendix to its regular catalog and in separate form.

Also during the past three years your Board has given conscientious attention to its duties. Regular monthly meetings were held from September to June and, in addition, special meetings, as often as these became necessary. Your Board has read, discussed, and rejected or approved the books submitted by Concordia Publishing House or obtained by special request through its instrumentality. It has read also a number of manuscripts submitted by writers either within or without Synod. Of these only a few could be approved. Your Board has also carried out the resolution of the last convention and has added an additional member to its force, namely, Mr. V. C. Lang, principal of our Lutheran school at Maplewood, Mo. Since Prof. W. G. Polack could no longer serve as chairman, Dr. J. T. Mueller was elected in his place.

As your Board continued its task of reading, examining, and recommending books deserving a place in our Christian homes and on the reading desks of our young people, it became more and more convinced of the vision and wisdom of those who recommended to Synod the appointment of such a board. What the American people reads to-day shows its dreadful decline in intelligence and morals. The two outstanding themes that seem to fascinate both adults and young people are crime and sex. Our present-day movies, to some extent also the radio, have done much to drag down our reading public to its present low level. People no longer wish to be instructed; their cry is for entertainment, entertainment which stimulates either indecent sex reveries or excites the mind by the presentation of criminal tendencies or acts. There are still some rather good adventure stories, but also the adventure stories of to-day in most cases contain objectionable features, while the humor of the American is becoming more and more cynical. The question "What readest thou?" is certainly one of weighty importance, which no parent, no pastor, no teacher, no congregation, dare avoid. Your Board is convinced that the unwholesome literature of to-day is one of the worst devices of Satan to injure, to an extent which cannot be estimated, both State

and Church, the school and the home. It has been the wish of Synod that your Board prepare a book-list also for adults; but so far your Board was unable to agree on principles governing the selection of books that would measure up to our present high standard. The fact is that there is hardly a single book published to-day by the general book publishers for adults that can pass the censorship of your Board and receive its unqualified recommendation. Even the best books which the world reads to-day are usually not good enough to be given a place in the Christian home. Pursuant to Synod's resolution that a book-list be prepared for adults, your Board is now making inquiries at the public libraries of St. Louis and its suburbs regarding the best books read by the best people. In this way it hopes to find at least some books that are decently free from objectionable features.

What is said of books for adults does not of course hold true of books published for juvenile readers. There are church circles in our country that are quite active in trying to obtain literature fit for Christian young people, and a number of publishers are responding to their call, since these circles represent a large group of readers and are therefore supplying a considerable market. But even these books champion or condone such things as dancing, the use of rather questionable expletives, work-righteousness, syncretism, and the like, so that we must reject even a large number of the better books put out for juvenile readers. At present quite a number of publishers are placing on the market so-called Bible-stories, that is, narratives from the Bible related in the author's own words and "accommodated to the understanding of the modern child." Some of these literary products are veritable atrocities; their writers are champions of false doctrines, perverters of God's Word, and destroyers of the sacred truth rather than friends of the Bible and men that stand in awe of God's Word. It is thus clear that the task of your Board is becoming increasingly difficult.

It has been suggested to your Board to prepare lists for our circles also of good plays and pageants which our young people may use without incurring the danger of giving offense. Your Board has examined a large number of plays, but very few of them are altogether without objectionable features. Our young people want plays; but each pastor must be on his guard and carefully select and edit the plays that are being used by his young people. Your Board is unable to prepare a list of plays against which no objection may be raised, simply because these do not seem to exist. It is for the reasons just mentioned that your Board has prepared lists neither of plays nor of pageants.

In general, the work of your Board has met with considerable support within and without Synod. Other churches, Lutheran and non-Lutheran, are using the book-lists prepared by your Board, since

the work done by your Board is regarded as standard. The editors of our papers have readily allowed the Board space for reports and articles. Many inquiries, both from pastors and laymen, have been addressed to our office, and our people in general really seem to appreciate the need of good books for young and old.

In rare instances, objections have been raised against books which were recommended by your Board. Upon close examination of the facts involved it was usually found that the matter in dispute concerned points on which Christians may differ. But whenever your Board was at fault, it gratefully acknowledged the suggestions which were offered and made the necessary corrections. The matter is mentioned here because your Board earnestly desires the cooperation of our pastors, teachers, and all laymen who are capable of judging in the matter.

With regard to recommendations to be offered to Synod your Board suggests the following:—

1. That the first three recommendations adopted by Synod in 1929 be again brought to the attention of all parties concerned. These recommendations read: "a) That we recommend to our editors to allow such space in their respective papers for reading-lists and the like as their limitations allow; b) that our pastors and teachers be encouraged to call attention to our catalog and our book suggestions whenever it is possible to do so, particularly in connection with their work among the children and young people and with church and school libraries; c) that, whenever new books are purchased for church, young people's, Sunday-school, and day-school libraries, our catalog be used as a guide."

2. That, since in general the literature of to-day is becoming more and more unfit for Christian people, our pastors, teachers, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, the boards of elders of our congregations, and parents in general consider the important question, "What readest thou?" with ever graver concern and do all in their power that a keen sense for what is proper reading-matter may be aroused in our people.

3. That the teachers in our day-schools and our pastors in their catechumen classes, young people's meetings, and wherever opportunity is offered them give the necessary instruction on this matter, also, if opportunity presents itself, in their general addresses and sermons.

4. That pastors, teachers, and laymen more than ever before encourage our people to read Synod's and other periodicals, such as the *Lutheran Witness*, the *Concordia Junior Messenger*, the *Walther League Messenger*, and the like, in order that our people, both young and old, may not only be properly instructed, but also acquire a habitude of reading that which is good and of rejecting what is bad.

5. That Synod continue its work through its Juvenile Literature Board and support it by proper suggestions and advice.

6. Lastly, since all good in every way must come from God, the gracious Giver of all good gifts, let us include in our prayers also the earnest petition that God may keep our young people from worldliness, indifference to His Word, and carnal security and satiety, so that His Holy Spirit may not be grieved, but that He may continue His beneficent work in and through them to the praise and adoration of Him who has purified them with His blood. Amen.

In the name of

THE JUVENILE LITERATURE BOARD.

J. T. MUELLER, *Chairman*.

GEORGE LUECKE, JR., *Secretary*.

Resolutions of *Committee 17*: —

Resolved, That the Juvenile Literature Board be encouraged to continue its work along the lines of the recommendations adopted by Synod in 1929;

That the committee be empowered to change its name to one more expressive of its activities.

These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Reducing the Number of Church-Papers.

Memorial 507 of the Kansas District advocated the appointment of a committee which in conjunction with the various editors was to consider a plan of uniting the more important of our church-papers into one official German and one English synodical publication, and it also proposed that District papers be asked not to trespass on the field of the official church-papers of Synod.

Memorial 508 of the North Wisconsin District proposed: —

First, that Synod authorize the consolidation of church periodicals;

Secondly, that the College of Presidents be given the order and power to carry out this resolution, working out the problem in the manner that suggests itself as the most feasible;

Thirdly, that the columns of Synod's periodicals be open to dignified and honest advertising.

Memorial 509 submitted the following resolution: —

WHEREAS, The Synod is at present publishing a number of periodicals; and

WHEREAS, The contents of some of these periodicals frequently overlap; and

WHEREAS, The Ontario District has gone on record as favoring a merging of some of these periodicals; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ontario District, in convention assembled at Ottawa, July 7—12, 1931, memorialize the Delegate Synod, in convention assembled at Milwaukee, Wis., in June, 1932, to take such merging of periodicals under careful advisement.

Committee 17 recommended to Synod to *resolve* that at its urgent recommendation the contents of local papers (parish, District, etc.) present chiefly the necessary local information and that none of these papers take the place of our synodical publications.

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod as well as the further *recommendation* that the College of Presidents be authorized to consider ways and means of bringing about a possible consolidation of various church-papers for adults; also to have an investigation made of the possibility of advertising in our church-papers.

Our Juvenile Church-Papers.

(Memorial 510.)

Recognizing the importance of church-papers in the cause of Christian education, your Board of Christian Education has made a close study of our present periodicals with a view to possible improvements in concentration upon a smaller number of periodicals and a more unified policy for our official church-papers.

After careful consideration by the Board of Christian Education the Ven. President of Synod appointed a special committee to study the question further. After several meetings of this committee a meeting was held with seven editors of our present periodicals. In this meeting it was resolved that an overture be submitted to Synod.

I. A Few Maxims.

1. Reading of books and periodicals constitutes an important factor in education. 2. Ours is a "magazine-reading" age. 3. Reading of salacious or merely secular literature constitutes a serious temptation to our present childhood, youth, and adults. 4. Reading of church-papers is a potent factor in Christian education. 5. A desire for, appreciation and proper use of, church-papers is usually the result of training in early youth.

II. The Present Situation.

A. The demands for Sunday-school weeklies are increasing in number and urgency. 1. Most of these demands are pleas of self-defense against sectarian or undesirable weeklies. 2. In many of these requests the possibilities and advantages of well-edited Sunday-school weeklies are pointed out. 3. Our parochial schools can make excellent use of a well-edited church-school weekly, written for specified grades, to offer continuous instruction on the work of our Church.

B. We have numerous periodicals, also for our youth, but we have no unified policy regarding their sequence or relationship. A review of our periodicals shows that the responsibility for the editorship and also the appointment of the editors rests in various hands. Thus the *Lutheran Witness* is edited by the Missouri Synod and the English District; the *Young Lutherans' Magazine* by Concordia Publishing House; the *Concordia Junior Messenger* by Concordia Publishing House; the *Walther League Messenger* by the Walther League; the *Lutheran Pioneer* by the Synodical Conference; the *Lutheran Guide* by the English District. In addition to these periodicals a considerable amount of literature is issued from Synod's office for publicity as well as for various organizations and mission boards.

III. Possible Improvements.

1. A wider circulation at the same or lower cost. Decrease the number of periodicals and concentrate on a few official periodicals.
2. A closer correlation with the program and the work of the Church. Proper use of official periodicals should obviate the need of many special publications, which always prove expensive in production and distribution.
3. A fuller realization of the power of the church-paper in Christian life. Well-edited church-papers are some of the most effective assistants to the pastor. The most intelligent and active church-members are those who regularly read the church-papers.
4. We do not need more periodicals, but a realinement of our present periodicals.

IV. Recommendations.

In view of the foregoing your Committee begs to submit the following recommendations:—

1. That Synod authorize the publication of a juvenile weekly;
2. That this weekly paper serve Grades 3—8 (ages 8—13), with the specific emphasis on Grades 3—6;
3. That this paper serve all the children of our Church of this age whether they are enrolled in Sunday-schools, parochial schools, or other schools;
4. That the columns of this paper be open to all missions and all endeavors of Synod and supplant the *Young Lutherans' Magazine*;
5. That this paper be made up of eight pages, approximately 9×12 inches, of three columns each, and be richly illustrated;
6. That the price be as low as possible to encourage and insure wide distribution;
7. That the *Concordia Junior Messenger* continue to serve especially the newly confirmed, but also keep the junior high-school age in mind. While its specific field will continue to be Grades 9—12 (high-school ages 14—17), it should also remain usable for Grades 7 and 8 (ages 12 and 13);

8. That it be left to the further study and decision of the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House whether the *Concordia Junior Messenger* or other periodicals will serve better in weekly than in monthly frequency;

9. That the present Literature Board of Synod guide also the publication of periodicals;

10. That the Literature Board consist of five men;

11. That the editor of the juvenile weekly be called by the Literature Board.

Respectfully submitted by

THE COMMITTEE.

F. PFOTENHAUER, D. D., *Chairman*. L. MEYER.

E. SEUEL.

W. H. LUKE, *Secretary*.

Pursuant to the advice of *Committee 17*, Synod *adopted* the recommendations in this report in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 7, 8, and 9 (the tenth recommendation having been adopted previously).

Discontinuing the "Catalog of Institutions."

(Memorial 511.)

Synod is at present publishing a *Catalog of Educational Institutions* at an annual cost of about \$1,200. This catalog contains a list of professors and students and an annual record of the work done in each institution. Its purpose is to serve as a source of information on all our institutions and to provide a means of publicity for them. Our petition is that those sections of the present catalog which serve the purpose of record henceforth be published in a condensed form as a section of the *Statistical Year-book*, that the present allotment of \$50 to each institution for publicity purposes be increased to \$100, and that the publication of the present catalog be discontinued. We believe that this plan has the following advantages: 1. Since Synod now sends a copy of the *Statistical Year-book* gratis to each pastor, this procedure will automatically place at the disposal of all pastors information about our institutions which they do not have at present unless they write for a copy of the present catalog. 2. The present catalog has little publicity value for the individual institution. It cannot be used for the recruiting of students without supplementary publicity material. An annual allowance of \$100 instead of the \$50 at present allowed for publicity purposes will make it possible for each institution to publish in sufficient quantity a modest annual bulletin that is in accord with local needs.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FACULTY OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, WINFIELD, KANS.

Resolution of *Committee 17*:—

1. *Resolved*, That the *Catalog of Educational Institutions* be discontinued and that the pertinent information concerning the synodical institutions be added to the *Statistical Year-book*.
2. *Resolved*, That the allowance of the individual institutions for catalogs and advertising be raised from \$50 to an adequate sum, not, however, exceeding \$100 per annum.

Synod *adopted* these resolutions.

“Statistical Year-Book.”

(Memorial 512.)

It is hereby respectfully suggested that henceforth the *Statistical Year-book* be issued biennially.

W. JANSSEN.

Resolution of *Committee 17*:—

WHEREAS, Synod has once before experimented in omitting an issue of the *Statistical Year-book*, with rather unfortunate results;

WHEREAS, The omission of any one year in the publication will result in the doubling of the reports of the Presidents, the necrology, the financial reports, etc.; and

WHEREAS, It is likely that private organizations will feel obliged to gather statistics in the interest of necessary survey information and that also our Government will call for such information; and

WHEREAS, The difficulty of gathering information along statistical lines becomes even greater if it is neglected for some time; therefore be it

Resolved, That the *Statistical Year-book* be issued annually in the customary manner.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

Variant Readings in the “Agenda” and Catechism.

(Unprinted memorial.)

Resolution of *Committee 17*:—

WHEREAS, The number of variant readings in our *Agenda* and our Catechism have caused quite a little difficulty, especially in the interest of uniformity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Catechism, together with the Committee on Hymnology and Liturgy, propose a uniform reading in such instances. These committees are hereby authorized, if necessary, to present their findings to the faculty of Concordia Seminary at St. Louis.

Synod *adopted* this resolution.

VI. FINANCES.

Report of the Board of Directors.

(Memorial 601.)

With humble recognition of the guidance and blessing of the Lord the Board of Directors herewith submits its report on the work it was permitted to carry on during the last triennium.

In its first meeting the Board organized by electing President Pfothenauer chairman, the undersigned secretary, and Mr. E. Seuel treasurer of the Board. The following plan for the extended operations of the Board was adopted. For the Committee on Buildings, to function as heretofore, the Board elected the Rev. Wm. Hagen and Messrs. H. W. Horst and Wm. Schlueter. For the Committee on Finances, looking after the affairs of the Fiscal Office, including the Statistical Office, the Board of Relief, and sundry boards and committees, the Board chose Dr. Pfothenauer, Treasurer Seuel, and Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand. Since the Board had been augmented by the election of one pastor and one layman, a new committee, the Committee on Missions, was appointed, consisting of the Rev. F. C. Streufert and Messrs. A. H. Ahlbrand and E. Wengert. By turning over much detail work to these committees, the Board was not obliged to meet so frequently as in the previous triennium, although the volume of business transacted was greater than before. The Committee on Missions has made considerable progress in studying the mission situation in our Synod, with a view to coordinating and unifying our missionary efforts in the interest of greater efficiency and economy. In the spring of 1931 the Board delegated the Rev. Streufert to make an inspection tour of our various missions in this country, and his voluminous and exact reports are proving very helpful.

A. Matters Turned over to the Board by the Last Synod.

1. Since 1923 we have passed through a period of establishing Synod's educational institutions, as far as buildings are concerned, on a somewhat higher level. Much is still to be done to bring our institutions up to such a state of repair as not to endanger the physical well-being of our students and not to call forth the criticism of occasional visitors.

2. The Board was authorized "to erect the necessary professors' residences, borrowing the money to pay for these and then paying the interest and principal with the moneys ordinarily expended for rentals whenever this is practical and feasible." (*Proceedings*, 1929, p. 177.) Nineteen such residences were built or acquired under this arrangement, at a total cost of \$197,081.05.

3. The Board was "authorized and instructed to make, or cause to be made, as soon as feasible, an inventory of Synod's real estate,

such inventory to show the location, legal description, and the value placed on the land, and the improvements thereon, and to contain such other facts relating to Synod's property as the Board of Directors may require." (*Proceedings*, 1929, pp. 162. 169.) The Board is still at work through a subcommittee carrying out this resolution.

4. According to a resolution of Synod (*Proceedings*, 1929, pp. 167. 169) the Board has appointed a general full-time auditor. In the person of Mr. A. W. Huges a very competent man has been found for this highly important position. The Auditor has done much to give the Board a clearer insight into our financial conditions, as far as various boards and institutions are concerned, in the interest of economy as well as efficiency.

5. Questions connected with the college at Crespo, Argentina, which were referred to the Board of Directors together with the South American Mission Board, were taken care of, such as the salary question of the professors and the third professorship. Also the vacancy at Buenos Aires and matters connected with the drawing up of the constitution of the Argentine District were given attention.

6. The Board, together with the Faculty at St. Louis, was to elect a representative of Synod to visit our brethren in Australia, according to their request. After experiencing some difficulty in finding a suitable man for this important mission, the economic conditions in Australia prompted the Australian brethren to suggest that the visit be postponed.

7. It was not found necessary to grant funds for erecting a chapel at the Sherman Institute, Arlington, Cal., since the situation in the field has changed. The Board became convinced that whatever Indian missions might be carried on should be placed under the direction of the respective District mission board, whose budget could be increased, if necessary, to meet the demand.

8. In accordance with the recommendations of a special committee appointed by the President, consisting of Presidents H. Grueber, Paul Schulz, and H. Daib and Pastors Fr. F. Selle and F. Niedner, the Board recommends to Synod —

a. To eliminate the boards for Foreign-tongue Missions, Jewish Missions, and Indian Missions, Seamen's Mission, and Immigrant Missions and to place these missions under the supervision of the mission boards of the Districts in which the work is done, necessary subsidies to be given through the General Home Mission Board;

b. That the Board of Directors be authorized to appoint a full-time Secretary of Missions whose duty it shall be to gather, and furnish to the proper authorities (the Board of Directors, the mission boards, the Fiscal Conference, and the Church Extension Board), information on all missions of Synod in order that our missions may be conducted in the most efficient manner.

The following considerations move us to make these recommendations, which aim at a closer coordination of our missionary endeavors.

Even an incomplete survey of our missionary activities has revealed —

Inconsistent policies, unjustified inequality in salaries, in allowances made for autos, mileage, and other expenses;

Lack of coordination and duplication of effort;

Opening and maintaining of new fields having but few souls and little prospect of further development;

Vast unmet opportunities in populous rural and urban territories;

Lack of information on the part of some of the mission boards relative to mission opportunities within their own territories;

Inequitable methods in computing the annual budget requirements.

9. The appointment of a special board for Mexican Missions was not found necessary. (*Proceedings*, 1929, p. 89.)

B. Matters Referred to Synod by the Board.

1. Synod, in 1917, resolved that all surplus funds of all departments of Synod be made available to the General Treasurer of Synod. (*Proceedings*, 1917, p. 133.) This means that, while the fund for which the money was given retains the credit, Synod can use the cash to offset deficits in other treasuries until the money is needed for the purposes for which it was intended. In trying to put this resolution into effect, we found that there is a difference of opinion as to what funds are really meant, especially since some of our institutions have certain surplus funds which, they claim, are merely local and not really synodical funds. The Board therefore asks Synod for a clear interpretation of its ruling, recommending, however, that all surplus funds, including those in the commissary department, etc., be included as among those that should be turned over to the treasurer of Synod.

2. The Church of Our Redeemer at Oakland, Cal., which is providing our college with a church home, came in with the request, endorsed by the local board, to permit it to erect its church on an unused corner of our college property. After considerable correspondence and after several members of the Board had had occasion to look into the situation personally, the Board resolved to recommend to Synod to donate a suitable piece of ground from our college property on 62d Avenue, adjoining the creek, to the Church of Our Redeemer for the purpose of erecting its church.

3. Since the Valparaiso University is drawing its support from members of our Synod, and since its work is of great importance to the Synod, the College of Presidents, on May 28, 1930, resolved "that in the interest of harmony and of the institution itself we recommend that arrangements be made to have a committee

appointed by the Synod (the President of Synod appointing a committee which shall serve until the next meeting of Synod) which shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Valparaiso University." The President appointed the secretary, Pastor O. Fedder, and Mr. E. Tatge as members of this committee, which met with the Committee of the University at various times, discussing questions of policy in which the Synod is vitally interested, thus bringing about a closer cooperation between Synod and the institution in the hope of bringing about the full spiritual accreditation of the institution as a Lutheran school. Both these committees agreed to come before Synod with the request that the present arrangements be continued. It is our opinion that Synod should instruct the Board of Directors to appoint such a standing Advisory Committee to operate as the present committee, which had been temporarily appointed by the President at the request of the Valparaiso Board and upon the suggestion of the College of Presidents, the understanding being that the Advisory Committee will be at all times responsible to the Board of Directors.

4. After taking up the matter with the Lutheran Immigrant Society of New York, Incorporated, it was decided to ask Synod to discontinue the separate incorporation of our Immigrant Mission Board, incorporated under two charters, one of 1887 and one of 1911. The character of the work has changed so materially that the work among the immigrants can be well taken care of by the Mission Board of the Atlantic District, while other features, really amounting to social-welfare work, can be taken care of locally. The question of the disposition of the funds and property held by the Immigrant Mission Board must also be ordered.

5. Since the Immigrant Mission in Western Canada has practically come to a standstill, our Board recommends to discontinue the office of the executive secretary of this Mission Board, while the Immigrant Mission work in Western Canada is to continue.

6. In connection with a report of our Committee on Missions among the Blind it was resolved to bring the question of the censorship of the *Lutheran Messenger*, our publication for the blind, before Synod. The Board holds that a publication like the *Lutheran Messenger*, representing our Church in practically all parts of the world, should be under the same kind of censorship as all our official publications.

7. The Board joins the Appropriations Committee in its recommendation that the two executive offices of the Board of Christian Education be combined.

8. The Board asks Synod to clarify the rules and regulations of the Relief Board.

9. A difficulty has arisen with regard to remuneration of instructors at your seminaries and your colleges.

Your Board of Directors has interpreted Synod's ruling in the *Handbook*, p. 66, § 8 (*Handbuch*, p. 63, § 8), to mean that all services of such instructors outside of the classroom have to be rendered without remuneration and that Synod, in adopting a salary scale, meant to define conclusively the amounts which each instructor is to receive to support him in his work.

In this respect we have met with definite resistance on the part of some boards.

We beg an Hon. Synod to affirm the stand of your Board of Directors and to declare that all extracurricular work which your instructors have to do for their respective institutions must be done gratis.

10. There has developed a tendency to have our institutions and boards not only depend upon Synod's incorporation, but to have them also incorporated in their respective States.

While we do not deny that there may be some advantages in such special incorporation, we believe that the disadvantages of it are greater than the advantages.

We therefore petition the Hon. Synod to resolve that institutions and boards must not be incorporated in their respective States and that such incorporations as have been made must be dissolved, or that Synod should at least appoint a committee to look into this matter.

11. The Board resolved to ask Synod to sanction a Synod-wide solicitation for funds to eliminate, if possible, the 1931 indebtedness and to prevent a similar debt in 1932.

12. After hearing the annual report of our Treasurer, the Board resolved, as an emergency measure, to cut the salaries of all those who are on the pay-roll of Synod ten per cent. and to try to effect a similar reduction of all other expenses. The Committee on Missions was asked to see to it that the saving in our mission-budget be made in such a manner that it will not work a hardship on our missionaries and that the work itself be not restricted and that it be left to Synod to find ways and means of making permanent adjustments in keeping with our income.

Respectfully submitted in the name of

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SYNOD.

M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

ACTION.

As to Memorial 601, A, 7, 8, and 9, compare action under "Missions in General," page 110.

As to "*Surplus Funds*," brought up in 601, B, 1, also in the report of the Board of Auditors, Memorial 603, 8, this was reported on by *Committee 18* as follows:—

"Since the resolution of Synod adopted in Milwaukee, 1917, has been interpreted in different ways by various parties concerned, your

Committee recommends to Synod the adoption of the following resolution to remedy the situation:—

“RESOLVED, That all surplus funds in the hands of Synod’s officers and employees who by virtue of their office act as custodians or trustees of such funds be made available to the Treasurer of Synod. This means that, while the funds for which the money was given retain the credit, Synod can use the cash to offset the deficit in other treasuries until the money is needed by the respective institutions.”

This resolution was *adopted* by Synod.

601, B, 2, the recommendation concerning the turning over of a part of the property at Oakland to Redeemer Church, was disposed of under the resolutions concerning the Oakland College.

As to B, 3, it was *resolved* upon recommendation of *Committee 1* to instruct the Board of Directors to appoint such a standing Advisory Committee for Valparaiso.

As to B, 4, 5, and 6, turning certain missions over to the Districts in which they are conducted, this was disposed of under the resolutions on “Missions in General.”

As to B, 7, combining the two executive offices of the Board of Education, this was disposed of under the resolution brought in by Committee 6, Synod adopting this recommendation.

As to B, 8, the recommendation of *Committee 19* was *adopted* by Synod:—

“That all such cases of need as merit Synod’s assistance and yet do not specifically come within the scope and sphere of the operation of the Board of Support or any other board of Synod be referred to the Board for General Relief and that the rules and regulations for the Board for General Relief be hereby construed as applying to all such cases.”

As to B, 9, the *resolution was passed*, upon recommendation of *Committee 1*, “that Synod affirm the stand of the Board of Directors to declare that all extracurricular work which our instructors have to do for their respective institutions must be done gratis.”

As to B, 10, concerning *separate incorporations*, this was disposed of by the *adoption* of the recommendations of *Committee 15* to give this into the hands of a special committee to be appointed by the President.

As to B, 12, the *cutting of salaries and expenses*, this matter was covered by the following resolution brought in by *Committee 1* and *adopted* by Synod:—

1. That Synod commend the efforts of the Board of Directors in reducing the expenditures wherever possible.

2. Although Synod fixed the salaries of the professors in 1929, and although any adjustment in the salaries must be made by the Board of Control with the consent of the Board of Directors, nevertheless we

recommend to Synod to approve the action of the Board of Directors in cutting the salaries of the professors as an emergency measure.

3. We recommend that Synod approve all other reductions of expenses made by the Board of Directors.

4. We recommend that Synod empower the Board of Directors to make all necessary adjustments during the next triennium.

Duties and Functions of the Board of Directors.

(Unprinted Memorial 94.)

Report of *Committee 1*:—

We recommend that the President be asked to instruct a committee to examine and revise the existing regulations governing the duties, functions, and powers of the Board of Directors and to formulate such other regulations as may appear necessary or advisable, which are then to be submitted to the next Synod for adoption.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Emergency Collection.

The report of the Board of Directors, under B, 11, had asked Synod to sanction a Synod-wide solicitation for funds to eliminate, if possible, the 1931 indebtedness and to prevent a similar debt in 1932; in other words, that an effort be made to balance the budget this year and to wipe out the old debt.

The report of *Committee 18* dwelt on this matter as follows, taking into consideration also the report of the Treasurer:—

Your Committee has made a careful study of the financial condition of Synod as it was on the date of the Treasurer's report and also as it is to-day, believing that Synod must know and face the facts. The shortage on January 31 was \$561,263.64. On May 31 the shortage had grown to \$866,520.65. The receipts from Districts are running 36 per cent. below last year. The receipts decreased more rapidly than Synod has been able to reduce expenses and will be able to do at the present rate of receipts.

Furthermore, your Committee notes that the loans from banks and other sources amounted to \$381,000 on January 31 and were increased to \$591,000 on May 31, and they will have to be further increased as the deficit grows. It goes without saying that it is not a wise policy for the Synod to continue for any considerable length of time to add to this indebtedness and to ask the banks for more and more credit.

For these reasons your Committee *recommends* that the Ven. Synod adopt the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod deems it absolutely necessary that the resolution passed authorizing and instructing the Board of Directors to make a special effort during 1932 and the following years to bring our

receipts up to the budget requirements be carried out by a Synod-wide self-denial offering. This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

The other recommendation of *Committee 18* was "that Synod sanction a Synod-wide solicitation for funds to cancel the indebtedness." After considerable discussion it was *adopted* by Synod.

In this connection the *lay delegates* brought in the following *resolutions*: —

We, the lay delegates, assembled in several special, general, and committee meetings, thoroughly discussed and studied the financial affairs of Synod and submit the following suggestions for your consideration: —

WHEREAS, Synod's deficit has reached the alarming sum of \$850,000 and may very soon increase to \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The borrowed money requires an enormous amount for interest and furthermore all must be paid eventually; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to liquidate this indebtedness have not been successful, we, the laymen, recognize our privilege and obligations to offer suggestions and pledge to work diligently and faithfully for their ultimate success. Recognizing the seriousness of present business conditions and the fact that therefore large sums cannot be subscribed by individuals, neither should we expect that only a few pay the entire amount, we believe that a Synod-wide collection from all men, women, and children should bring in sufficient money to pay the entire debt. Therefore be it

Resolved: —

a. That every communicant member of Synod be requested to contribute at least five cents a week for one year;

b. That every child of school age be requested to pay two cents a week for one year;

c. That Synod furnish sufficient publicity and containers for the collection of such moneys;

d. That all collections be forwarded to Synod's treasury once every month and that proper publicity be given regarding the progress of the work.

e. As a slogan to be printed on the container we suggest "*A Nickel a Week for Synod's Deficit.*"

f. The above plan is proposed as a simple measure to collect these moneys. Congregations desiring to use a plan more suitable for their conditions are encouraged to put their plan into operation in order to reach the desired goal.

The entire procedure is to be under the supervision of Synod's officers and its Board of Directors, to be adopted at their discretion.

We pray God to grant His blessing and also urge and request the aid and support of our pastors, teachers, and laity.

These resolutions were *adopted* in the above form.

A. GENERAL SURVEY OF RECEIPTS.

Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. 1932.											299
Districts	Budgeted Treasuries				All Other Accounts				Three-Year Totals		Grand Totals
	1929		1930		1929		1930		1931		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1. Atlantic	\$ 74,959.98	\$ 79,594.56	\$ 76,747.00	\$ 231,301.54	\$ 2,342.09	\$ 5,296.62	\$ 1,800.19	\$ 9,438.90	\$ 240,740.44		
2. Brazil	20,354.00	195.00	41.00	390.00	19.25	355.00	194.00	568.25	1,158.25		
3. Calif. and Nevada	20,746.13	6,380.00	6,371.00	33,497.13	894.58	121.59	27.33	1,043.50	34,540.63		
4. Ontario	14,354.23	11,531.01	6,706.25	32,591.51	409.73	103.75	820.77	1,334.25	33,925.76		
5. Central	257,101.79	239,421.03	196,058.79	692,581.61	12,551.30	5,058.73	3,242.69	20,952.72	713,534.33		
6. Central Illinois	87,577.51	88,739.62	59,121.82	233,439.95	1,296.77	1,832.85	1,155.82	3,526.44	238,956.39		
7. Eastern	54,410.91	53,497.44	48,526.02	156,434.37	1,361.64	1,632.35	1,584.31	5,098.30	161,532.67		
8. English	93,449.30	98,371.25	80,590.85	272,411.40	1,437.26	3,665.96	1,730.28	3,533.50	275,943.90		
9. Iowa	96,368.39	99,451.13	64,540.04	260,369.56	2,829.58	4,059.49	3,184.50	10,073.57	270,443.13		
10. Kansas	55,404.43	43,426.69	27,756.37	126,617.49	312.91	1,002.06	713.61	2,628.58	129,243.07		
11. Michigan	228,738.66	199,390.18	164,678.25	592,807.09	1,773.89	3,771.07	1,898.73	5,441.69	596,356.81		
12. Minnesota	86,363.16	89,406.85	68,408.35	244,178.36	4,597.43	3,173.83	2,692.93	10,464.19	254,642.55		
13. Southern Nebraska	59,504.73	52,765.03	34,233.75	146,503.51	2,247.25	1,318.24	1,206.10	4,771.59	151,275.10		
14. N. Dak. and Mont.	11,985.00	10,405.15	7,408.44	29,798.59	709.32	337.54	129.07	1,175.93	30,974.52		
15. Northern Illinois	177,600.71	174,502.41	116,911.67	469,014.79	4,547.67	4,084.90	5,192.09	13,824.66	482,839.45		
16. North Wisconsin	34,954.27	41,044.20	34,004.32	110,002.79	654.41	620.39	1,519.19	2,793.99	112,796.78		
17. Oregon and Wash.	11,118.32	11,924.28	8,779.52	31,822.12	793.78	632.27	749.47	2,175.52	33,997.64		
18. Southern Dakota	14,036.48	11,325.27	5,487.22	28,828.97	207.45	253.68	250.57	711.70	29,540.67		
19. Southern Nebraska	5,816.82	6,234.42	3,970.70	18,021.94	648.92	892.66	1,051.83	2,593.61	20,615.55		
20. Texas	49,449.11	48,584.66	35,501.05	133,535.02	568.97	247.11	322.90	1,138.98	134,674.00		
21. Western	20,225.13	20,075.63	14,806.95	55,047.71	27,293.70	18,704.49	2,073.60	31,237.79	86,285.50		
22. South Wisconsin	174,844.35	166,831.83	139,361.58	481,637.68	4,175.74	1,582.68	2,062.78	7,821.20	489,458.96		
23. Colorado	115,989.31	112,194.38	76,416.99	304,600.68	4,196.96	2,651.17	2,126.69	8,974.82	313,575.50		
24. Alberta-Brit. Col.	8,819.25	2,711.72	12,800.36	24,331.33	1,449.42	78.51	491.54	7,194.77	25,050.80		
25. Alberta-Brit. Col.	2,648.58	2,700.61	1,456.37	6,805.56	446.39	89.31	890.76	1,426.46	8,232.02		
26. Manitoba-Sask.	5,277.69	4,081.33	1,512.04	10,871.06	108.70	90.20	126.60	211.50	11,082.56		
27. North. Nebraska	42,013.74	37,172.21	27,668.95	106,854.90	2,914.55	2,409.04	1,654.46	6,978.05	113,832.95		
28. Oklahoma	10,562.99	6,927.35	5,660.11	23,150.45	543.06	79.62	75.90	698.58	23,849.03		
29. Argentine	144.60	8,203.46	8,231.00	16,434.46	—	274.42	319.30	593.72	17,028.18		
30. South California	1,814,819.59	1,727,029.90	1,334,366.76	4,876,216.25	80,782.72	40,132.73	39,144.04	160,059.49	5,036,275.74		
1. Totals from Dists.	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	360,000.00	—	—	—	—	360,000.00		
2. Concordia Pub. H.	112,000.00	115,000.00	120,000.00	347,000.00	—	—	—	—	347,000.00		
3. L. L. L. Endow. Fd.	147,180.37	50,094.41	66,277.28	162,502.04	940,810.97	1,721,293.35	1,054,910.32	3,117,014.64	3,279,516.68		
4. All Other Sources	2,093,949.96	2,012,124.31	1,639,644.02	5,745,718.29	1,021,593.69	1,161,426.08	1,094,054.36	3,277,074.13	9,022,792.42		
GRAND TOTALS											

B. CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance, January 31, 1929		\$	45,335.32
Receipts: 1929	\$3,115,543.65		
1930	3,173,550.39		
1931	2,733,698.38		
Total Receipts, as in A-9			9,022,792.42
Disbursements: 1929	\$3,113,614.06		
1930	3,210,465.00		
1931	2,710,459.65		
			9,034,548.71
Balance, January 31, 1932		\$	33,589.03

C. DISTRIBUTION OF BUDGET RECEIPTS.

Item	Account	1929	1930	1931
1. Board of Support		\$ 298,000.00	\$ 300,500.00	\$ 281,875.27
2. Deaf-mute Missions		45,328.00	45,844.17	43,963.62
3. European Missions		59,000.00	60,600.00	48,429.95
4. Finnish Church in N. America			1,161.90	952.81
5. Foreign Missions		246,920.54	213,238.69	221,098.45
6. Foreign-tongue Missions		21,400.00	21,600.00	19,815.63
7. Home Missions		195,039.31	242,586.35	213,401.46
8. Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.		7,150.00	7,248.00	5,746.69
9. Immigrant Mission in Canada			2,000.00	2,000.00
10. Indian Missions		13,100.00	17,500.00	16,614.77
11. Jewish Missions		4,954.00	5,495.00	5,538.25
12. Negro Missions		115,205.73	131,451.33	104,646.21
13. South American Missions		59,526.25	70,018.71	53,333.38
14. Synodical Repairs			65,514.07	54,802.72
15. Synodical Treasury		582,303.46	611,772.71	538,569.23
16. Total for Group "A"		\$1,647,927.29	\$1,796,530.93	\$1,610,788.44
17. Church Extension Fund		197,300.28		5,224.57
18. Contingent Reserve Fund		3,525.58	243.87	1,310.12
19. Deaf-mute Building Fund		2,271.17		234.69
20. Foreign Building Fund		35,655.77		7,963.37
21. Indian Building Fund				210.47
22. Negro Building Fund		14,652.40		2,790.94
23. Synodical Building Fund		192,617.47	11,766.00	11,121.42
24. Synodical Debt Collection			203,583.51	
Total, as in A-1		\$2,093,949.96		
Total, as in A-2			\$2,012,124.31	
Total, as in A-3				\$1,639,644.02

D. DISTRIBUTION OF DEBT FUND RECEIPTS.

Item	Account	1929	1930	1931	Total
1. Board of Support		\$ 1,081.33	\$ 13,130.55	\$ 381.07	\$ 14,592.95
2. Deaf-mute Missions		1,036.17	12,582.24	365.16	13,983.57
3. European Missions		1,425.93	17,315.01	502.51	19,243.45
5. Foreign Missions		2,837.59	34,456.87	999.99	38,294.45
6. Foreign-tongue Missions ..		720.09	8,744.08	253.77	9,717.94
7. Home Missions		4,011.61	48,712.90	1,413.72	54,138.23
8. Immigr. & Seamen's Miss.		92.69	1,125.48	32.66	1,250.83
10. Indian Missions		159.23	1,933.51	56.11	2,148.85
11. Jewish Missions		83.18	1,010.04	29.31	1,122.53
13. South American Missions ..		1,366.51	16,593.55	481.57	18,441.63
15. Synodical Treasury		10,951.12	132,979.28	3,859.25	147,789.65
		\$23,765.45	\$288,583.51	\$8,375.12	\$320,724.08

E. BOARD OF SUPPORT.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 29,240.70
Disbursements: 1929	\$298,000.00
1930	300,500.00
1931	303,500.00
Total Disbursements	902,000.00
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	\$931,240.70
Receipts, 1929: —	
L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$112,000.00
Sundry Legacies and Endowments	7,451.66
Other Receipts	178,548.34
1929 Receipts, as in C-1	\$298,000.00
Receipts, 1930: —	
L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$115,000.00
Sundry Legacies and Endowments	8,929.52
Other Receipts	176,570.48
1930 Receipts, as in C-1	300,500.00
Receipts, 1931: —	
L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$120,000.00
Sundry Legacies and Endowments	8,320.39
Other Receipts	153,554.88
1931 Receipts, as in C-1	281,875.27
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-1	14,592.95
Total Receipts	\$894,968.22
Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$ 36,272.48

F. DEAF-MUTE MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 28,039.22
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 46,110.00
1930	46,144.00
1931	54,601.50
Total Disbursements	146,855.50
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	\$174,894.72
Receipts, as in C-2, 1929	\$ 45,328.00
1930	45,844.17
1931	43,963.62
Total Budget Receipts	135,135.79
Sundry Credits	1,081.83
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-2	13,983.57
Total Receipts	150,201.19
Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$ 24,693.53

G. EUROPEAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 38,581.40
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 59,000.00
1930	60,600.00
1931	55,850.00
Total Disbursements	175,450.00
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	\$214,031.40

Receipts, as in C-3, 1929	\$ 59,000.00	
1930	60,600.00	
1931	48,429.95	
Total Budget Receipts	\$168,029.95	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-3	19,243.45	
Total Receipts		187,273.40
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 26,758.00

H. FINNISH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

Disbursements: 1930	\$ 1,161.90	
1931	1,075.91	
Total Disbursements		\$ 2,237.81
Receipts, as in C-4, 1930	\$ 1,161.90	
1931	952.81	
Total Receipts		2,114.71
Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$	123.10

J. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 76,784.33	
Disbursements: 1929	\$246,920.54	
1930	213,238.69	
1931	257,964.13	
Total Disbursements	718,123.36	
		\$794,907.69
Receipts, as in C-5, 1929	\$246,920.54	
1930	213,238.69	
1931	221,098.45	
Total Budget Receipts	681,257.68	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-5	38,294.45	
Total Receipts		719,552.13
Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$	75,355.56

K. FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 19,520.09	
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 21,400.00	
1930	21,600.00	
1931	25,200.00	
Total Disbursements	68,200.00	
		\$ 87,720.09
Receipts, as in C-6, 1929	\$ 21,400.00	
1930	21,600.00	
1931	19,815.63	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 62,815.63	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-6	9,717.94	
Total Receipts		72,533.57
Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$	15,186.52

L. HOME MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$108,472.99	
Disbursements: 1929	\$195,039.31	
1930	242,586.35	
1931	269,200.00	
Total Disbursements	706,825.66	
		\$815,298.65
Receipts, as in C-7, 1929	\$195,039.31	
1930	242,586.35	
1931	213,401.46	
Total Budget Receipts	\$651,027.12	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-7	54,138.23	
Total Receipts		705,165.35
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$110,133.30

M. IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 2,497.06	
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 7,150.00	
1930	7,248.00	
1931	7,144.00	
Total Disbursements	21,542.00	
		\$ 24,039.06
Receipts, as in C-8, 1929	\$ 7,150.00	
1930	7,248.00	
1931	5,746.69	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 20,144.69	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-8	1,250.83	
Total Receipts		21,395.52
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 2,643.54

N. IMMIGRANT MISSION IN CANADA.

Disbursements: 1929	\$ 1,500.00	
1930	2,000.00	
1931	2,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,500.00
Receipts: 1929	\$ 1,500.00	
1930, as in C-9	\$ 2,000.00	
1931	2,000.00	
Total Budget Receipts	4,000.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 5,500.00
		\$ 00.00

O. INDIAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 4,284.78	
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 13,100.00	
1930	17,500.00	
1931	17,800.00	
Total Disbursements	48,400.00	
		\$ 52,684.78

Receipts, as in C-10, 1929	\$ 13,100.00	
1930	17,500.00	
1931	16,614.77	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 47,214.77	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-10	2,148.85	
Total Receipts		49,363.62
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 3,321.16

P. JEWISH MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 2,263.21	
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 4,954.00	
1930	5,495.00	
1931	6,986.00	
Total Disbursements	17,435.00	
Receipts, as in C-11, 1929	\$ 4,954.00	
1930	5,495.00	
1931	5,538.25	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 15,987.25	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-11	1,122.53	
Total Receipts		\$ 17,109.78
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 2,588.43

Q. NEGRO MISSIONS.

Disbursements: 1929	\$ 115,205.73	
1930	131,451.33	
1931	130,234.44	
Total Disbursements		\$376,891.50
Receipts, as in C-12, 1929	\$ 115,205.73	
1930	131,451.33	
1931	104,646.21	
Total Budget Receipts		351,303.27
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 25,588.23

R. SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 31, 1929	\$ 36,988.32	
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 59,526.25	
1930	70,018.71	
1931	53,333.38	
Total Disbursements	182,878.34	
Receipts, as in C-13, 1929	\$ 59,526.25	
1930	70,018.71	
1931	53,333.38	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 182,878.34	
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-13	18,441.63	
Total Receipts		201,319.97
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 18,546.69

S. SYNODICAL REPAIRS.

Disbursements: —	1930	1931
Austin	\$ 645.78	\$ 605.00
Bronxville	6,560.14	3,541.22
Concordia	3,873.32	3,832.35
Conover	2,005.53	567.36
Edmonton	1,676.26	325.79
Fort Wayne	11,503.85	5,482.06
Milwaukee	4,486.28	13,391.08
Oakland	2,492.10	2,152.92
Portland	4,831.07	450.80
Porto Alegre	260.92	562.78
River Forest	6,198.39	3,911.22
St. Louis	4,316.73	6,340.68
St. Paul	6,717.58	4,938.31
Seward	4,431.90	4,487.70
Springfield	3,609.03	3,797.44
Winfield	1,493.38	827.82
Disbursements, 1930	<u>\$65,102.26</u>	\$ 65,102.26
1931	<u>\$ 55,214.53</u>	55,214.53
Total Disbursements		\$120,316.79
Receipts, as in C-14, 1930	\$ 65,514.07	
1931	<u>54,802.72</u>	
Total Budget Receipts		120,316.79
		\$ 00.00

1929 repairs are included in the Building Fund report.

T. SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Disbursements: —	1929	1930	1931
Austin	\$ 8,760.35	\$ 10,156.13	\$ 10,346.42
Bronxville	33,299.87	35,480.74	36,200.59
Concordia	21,303.46	23,123.02	22,435.09
Conover	8,674.94	9,528.51	9,349.23
Crespo	442.50	3,130.50	2,360.00
Edmonton	16,764.00	16,681.63	15,629.88
Fort Wayne	47,195.91	44,000.74	44,242.78
Milwaukee	43,256.55	46,492.17	48,574.47
Oakland	17,594.30	18,847.76	20,149.55
Portland	8,452.06	8,120.94	8,160.49
Porto Alegre	10,681.04	8,891.61	9,439.73
River Forest	50,424.72	52,394.18	51,541.33
St. Louis	74,704.78	77,180.34	78,948.58
St. Paul	36,927.44	40,972.91	44,202.41
Seward	40,617.76	43,610.63	42,441.22
Springfield	26,211.63	29,863.18	29,287.87
Winfield	28,137.75	29,729.99	29,644.34
Operating Cost of Institutions *	\$473,449.06	\$498,204.98	\$502,953.98
Rents Paid for Professors' Houses ...	23,158.08	19,426.75	17,221.95
Rental Paym'ts, Bldg. & Loan Plan	—	11,041.56	19,210.08
Board of Auditors	—	4,540.40	4,345.40
Board of Christian Education	9,738.14	10,048.37	9,772.44
Board of Directors	1,225.86	1,474.01	1,694.89
Canadian Exchange	—	123.49	15.85
Catalog of Institutions	1,153.00	1,232.60	1,216.00

Collection Envelopes	5,029.52	7,498.08	4,975.81
<i>College Administration Bulletin</i>	271.06	335.12	239.79
Convention Expenses	2,855.54	—	—
Convention Proceedings	2,214.87	—	—
Equipment for Synodical Offices	339.16	113.56	530.75
Fidelity Bond (covering all those handling Synod's money)	—	452.97	533.50
Fiscal Office	9,359.06	9,446.56	8,805.48
Interest on Borrowed Money	5,593.05	7,461.70	13,024.03
Legal Expenses	—	58.65	89.16
Missionary Expansion Movement ...	—	—	10,500.00
Missionary Survey	—	—	1,317.31
Periodicals sent gratis	9.90	7.10	9.34
President — Salary, Rent, Office Expense	4,934.51	4,936.85	4,743.91
Printing College Account Sheets	—	99.15	—
Publicity	30,941.85	35,998.74	22,419.52
School Defense Fund	5,147.31	—	—
Secretary's Office Expenses	830.85	762.41	778.88
Statistical Bureau	3,015.44	2,941.01	3,095.85
<i>Statistical Year-book</i> — Deficit	1,709.15	1,772.21	—
<i>Statistical Year-book</i> — Distribution	—	2,754.27	3,123.01
Sundry Committees	7,162.19	4,514.95	3,920.84
Vice-Presidents	800.00	800.00	800.00
Vice-Presidents' Mileage	290.46	689.97	689.48
Items Subsequently Refunded	1,928.12	—	—
Total Disbursements	\$591,156.18	\$626,735.46	\$636,027.25
Receipts, as in C-15	\$582,303.46	\$611,772.71	\$538,569.23
Norwegian Synod a/c Prof. in St. Paul	900.00	—	—
Refunds	1,928.12	61.00	4.00
Rents Received **	466.13	1,056.41	1,053.98
Sunday-school Board (by Concordia Publishing House)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer fr. Contingent Reserve Fund	—	—	10,500.00
Tuition ***	4,558.47	12,845.34	13,289.00
Debt Fund Receipts, as in D-15.	10,951.12	132,979.28	3,859.25
Total Receipts	\$602,107.30	\$759,714.74	\$568,275.46
Deficit, January 31, 1929	—	—	\$296,231.71
Disbursements: 1929	\$591,156.18	—	—
1930	—	626,735.46	—
1931	—	636,027.25	—
Total Disbursements	—	—	\$1,853,918.89
Receipts: 1929	\$602,107.30	—	\$2,150,150.80
1930	—	759,714.74	—
1931	—	568,275.46	—
Total Receipts	—	—	1,930,997.50
Deficit, January 31, 1932	—	—	\$ 220,053.10

* Includes salaries of professors and assistants, current expenses, house service, taxes (where levied), and allowances for library and laboratory supplies. It does not include buildings or equipment, repairs or replacements, or rents paid for professors' residences.

RESIDENCES AND GARAGES.

Synod, in 1929, authorized its Board of Directors to erect necessary professors' residences, borrowing the money to pay for these and then paying the interest and principal with the moneys ordinarily expended for rentals. The figures listed in the second column represent such rental payments.

Number of Residences	Gross Investment	Rental Payments	Interest on Principal	Repayments of Principal	Balance Jan. 31, 1932
Austin	\$ 9,561.00	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 751.85	\$ 1,053.15	\$ 8,507.85
Concordia (1)	255.00				255.00
Edmonton (plans only)	39,412.05	6,703.22	2,318.71	4,390.51	35,021.54
Fort Wayne (4)	21,118.60	4,012.42	1,476.85	2,535.57	18,583.03
Milwaukee (3)	8,000.00	2,080.00	793.89	1,286.11	6,713.89
Porto Alegre (1)	9,523.56	1,085.00	481.67	603.33	8,920.23
River Forest (2)	54,988.77	12,100.00	5,149.87	6,950.13	48,038.64
St. Louis (5)	45,239.89	1,420.00	480.67	939.33	44,300.56
Seward (3)	8,982.18	1,080.00	381.74	698.26	8,283.92
Seward (1)					
Total Residence Rentals		\$30,291.64			
Garages	1,872.66	368.37	125.22	241.15	1,631.51
Gross Investment	\$198,953.71				
Total Rentals		\$30,658.01			
Less Interest on Principal		11,960.47	\$11,960.47		
Repayment on Principal	18,697.54	\$18,697.54		\$18,697.54	
Balance of Principal	\$180,256.17				\$180,256.17

** Rents received from: —	1929	1930	1931
Austin	—	—	—
Bronxville	—	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00
Concordia	—	—	—
Conover	—	—	—
Crespo	—	—	—
Edmonton	—	—	—
Fort Wayne	—	210.00	174.00
Milwaukee	—	—	—
Oakland	—	—	—
Portland	—	196.75	44.50
Porto Alegre	—	—	—
River Forest	—	—	—
St. Louis	\$ 280.13	392.30	300.48
St. Paul	86.00	68.00	—
Seward	—	45.00	25.00
Springfield	—	—	—
Winfield	100.00	94.36	500.00
	<u>\$ 466.13</u>	<u>\$ 1,056.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,053.98</u>

*** Tuition received from: —			
Austin	\$ 200.00	—	\$ 50.00
Bronxville	1,780.00	\$ 3,205.00	8,184.00
Concordia	—	220.00	200.00
Conover	715.50	778.50	677.00
Crespo	—	—	—
Edmonton	—	700.00	100.00
Fort Wayne	—	1,490.00	775.00
Milwaukee	500.00	200.00	350.00
Oakland	—	2,180.00	1,000.00
Portland	200.00	375.00	25.00
Porto Alegre	2.97	43.75	—
River Forest	—	1,870.00	800.00
St. Louis	—	—	—
St. Paul	650.00	506.00	575.00
Seward	—	775.00	50.00
Springfield	—	—	—
Winfield	510.00	1,202.09	503.00
	<u>\$4,558.47</u>	<u>\$13,545.34</u>	<u>\$13,289.00</u>
Less Refund	—	700.00	—
	—	<u>\$12,845.34</u>	—

U. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Balance, January 31, 1929		\$279,086.29
Receipts, as in C-17, 1929	\$197,300.28	
1931	5,224.57	
Total Budget Receipts	\$202,524.85	
Contributions, 1930	8,509.34	
		\$211,034.19
Less Refunds to Districts in 1929		136,958.40
		\$ 74,075.79
Sundry Receipts		100.00
Repayments on Loans: 1929	\$143,727.67	
1930	131,793.37	
1931	134,463.39	
		<u>409,984.43</u>

Administration Fees: 1930	\$ 654.02		
1931	2,630.14		
		3,284.16	
			487,444.38
			<u>\$766,530.67</u>
Disbursements: New Loans, 1929...	\$138,014.94		
1930	239,700.00		
1931	146,050.00		
		\$523,764.94	
Sundry Disbursements: 1929	\$ 33,705.72		
1930	18,224.41		
1931	7,325.14		
		59,255.27	
			583,020.21
			<u>\$183,510.46</u>
Balance, January 31, 1932			

V. CONTINGENT RESERVE FUND.

Balance, January 31, 1929	\$ 54,496.34		
Receipts, as in C-18, 1929	\$ 3,525.58		
1930	243.87		
1931	1,310.12		
Total Budget Receipts		5,079.57	
			\$ 59,575.91
Disbursements: 1929, to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 515.21		
1930, to Foreign Missions	\$ 1,079.70		
1930, to Synodical Debt Fund...	45,000.00		
		46,079.70	
1931, to Foreign Missions	\$ 178.16		
1931, to Missionary Expansion..	10,500.00		
		10,678.16	
Total Disbursements			57,273.07
Balance, January 31, 1932			\$ 2,302.84

W. DEAF-MUTE BUILDING FUND.

Disbursements: 1929	\$ 1,895.57		
1930	2,271.17		
1931	500.00		
Total Disbursements			\$ 4,666.74
Balance, January 31, 1929	\$ 1,895.57		
Receipts, as in C-19, 1929	\$ 2,271.17		
1931	234.69		
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 2,505.86		
Receipts, 1930	241.59		
Total Receipts		2,747.45	
			4,643.02
Deficit, January 31, 1932			\$ 23.72

X. FOREIGN-MISSION BUILDINGS.

Balance, January 31, 1929	\$ 50,060.63	
Receipts, as in C-20, 1929	\$ 35,655.77	
1931	7,963.37	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 43,619.14	
Receipts, 1930	1,523.88	
Total Receipts	45,143.02	\$ 95,203.65
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 50,730.00	
1930	35,000.00	
1931	1,000.00	
Total Disbursements		86,730.00
Balance, January 31, 1932		\$ 8,473.65

Y. INDIAN BUILDING FUND.

Disbursements, 1930		\$ 4,752.56
Receipts, 1929	\$ 2,831.27	
1931, as in C-21	210.47	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,041.74	
Balance, January 31, 1929	330.86	
		3,372.60
Deficit, January 31, 1932		\$ 1,379.96

Z. NEGRO MISSION BUILDINGS.

Balance, January 31, 1929	\$ 15,588.60	
Receipts, as in C-22, 1929	\$ 14,652.40	
1931	2,790.94	
Total Budget Receipts	\$ 17,443.34	
Receipts, 1930	1,123.05	
Total Receipts	18,566.39	34,154.99
Disbursements: 1929	\$ 4,068.42	
1930	14,291.45	
1931	6,025.86	
Total Disbursements		24,385.73
Balance, January 31, 1932		\$ 9,769.26

AA. SYNODICAL BUILDING FUND.

Balance, January 31, 1929	\$240,377.47	
Accrued Liabilities, January 31, 1929	41,433.44	
		\$281,810.91
Receipts, as in C-23, 1929	\$192,617.47	
1930	11,766.00	
1931	11,121.42	
Total Budget Receipts		215,504.89
		\$497,315.80

Disbursements: —

Austin: Dormitory (temporary) \$	15,000.00	
Equipment	937.29	
Gas Main Connection	1,316.75	
Laboratory Equipment	248.46	
Roads and Walks	100.00	
		\$ 17,602.50
Bronxville: Equipment	\$ 454.67	
Fire-alarm System	302.25	
Improvement Taxes	689.34	
Sidewalks	1,840.00	
		3,286.26
Concordia: Heating Repairs...\$	4,179.05	
Sewer Change	775.27	
		4,954.32
Conover: Architects' Fees		1,600.60
Edmonton: Campus		275.00
Fort Wayne: Hanser Hall\$	4,229.07	
Improvement Taxes	6,384.87	
Sihler Hall	1,984.84	
Stokers	4,123.00	
		16,721.78
Milwaukee: Dorm. Remodeling \$	23,274.45	
Steam Main of Dormitory..	1,000.00	
Grading and Seeding	1,537.76	
Improvement Taxes	2,690.55	
Laboratory Equipment	3,989.43	
Stokers	4,154.80	
		36,646.99
Oakland: Improvement Taxes		18,777.66
Portland: Improvement Taxes..\$	1,329.68	
Refrigerator	350.00	
		1,679.68
Porto Alegre: Drainage System \$	265.50	
Roof Repairs	3,500.00	
Water & Light Connections	600.00	
		4,365.50
Repairs and minor improvements, 1929 only		96,791.13
River Forest: Heating-plant		
Repairs	\$ 8,711.81	
Improvement Taxes	19,120.02	
Oil-burners	2,205.00	
Organs and Pianos	8,971.12	
Visuola	360.00	
		39,367.95
St. Louis: Dormitory Equipment		1,527.13
St. Paul: Improvement Taxes..\$	11,342.95	
Laboratory Equipment	2,251.48	
Refectory	138,699.03	
Residence	4,417.45	
		156,710.91
Seward: Grading	\$ 650.00	
Laboratory Equipment	2,130.00	
Musical Instruments	7,775.05	
Practise School	18,736.24	
Sidewalks	994.65	
Tunnels	13,768.32	
		44,054.26

Springfield: Dormitory	\$ 21,822.34	
Improvement Taxes	9,850.35	
Razing of Old Building ...	619.97	
		32,292.66
Winfield: Garage for Truck...\$	205.40	
Hospital	1,000.00	
Improvement Taxes	3,860.58	
Library Equipment	244.00	
		5,309.98
Total Disbursements		481,964.31
Accrued Liabilities, January 31, 1932		\$ 15,351.49
		2,046.57
Balance, January 31, 1932		\$ 13,304.92

BB. LEGACIES.

During the last three years Synod, in its Legacy Department, was the recipient of \$277,328.37, the major portion of which amount came from the estates of deceased members. These receipts fall in the following classifications, which are here briefly defined.

A. First of all, there are LEGACIES, which according to our office parlance are sums willed to Synod by its members, the testator specifying that the amount willed to Synod should be profitably invested and the earnings used for some general or specific purpose of Synod. Quite frequently the testator designates the ultimate synodical purpose to which these earnings should be put. Of late, however, Synod has been receiving a gratifying number of such legacies in which the testator merely named the Synod as beneficiary, without further stipulation, leaving it to Synod's Board of Directors to annually designate the purpose of such earnings.

B. By far the greatest number of items contained in our legacy receipts are identified as BEQUESTS. In our office parlance, if a testator wills anything to Synod and, instead of specifying that the legacy is to be invested and only the earnings used, says that the entire sum is to be paid out for some general or specific purpose of Synod, such an item is designated as a bequest.

C. In our listings there are a number of ENDOWMENTS. Endowments are gifts from the living, which are to be invested and the earnings of which are to be used for the purposes designated by the donor.

D. FOUNDATIONS are essentially similar to endowments, with the exception that the donor has chosen thus to designate his gift.

E. Quite a number of the receipts are listed as FUNDS. These items are all in the same class with legacies and endowments, with the exception that the testator, respectively the donor, has seen fit so to designate his legacy or gift.

F. Finally, there is a group of ANNUITY ENDOWMENTS. These represent cases in which individuals had entered into annuity agreements with Synod, the annuitants making a substantial contribution to Synod and Synod promising to pay them a fixed annuity during life. Whenever the term *annuity endowment* appears among Synod's legacy receipts, it indicates that such an annuity agreement has expired owing to the demise of the annuitant and that the amount involved has automatically passed into the possession of Synod, there to serve the purpose designated by the annuitant.

Balance, January 31, 1929	\$230,783.31
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Receipts: — NEW REQUESTS AND LEGACIES.

American Luther League Fund	\$ 2,672.36
Annuity Endowment from "A Friend"	557.33
C. Anton Arnhold Annuity Endowment	208.40

Henry and Margareta Bastian Endowment.....	300.00
Wm. Batz Bequest	50.00
Carl Baxmann Bequest	193.07
Pastor Edward Beck Fund	500.00
Engeline Behrens Bequest	4,038.97
Christine Bley Bequest	50.00
Fridricke Boettcher Legacy	1,000.00
Henry Bolte Bequest	460.00
Henry Brandes Bequest	800.00
Sophie Brunns Bequest	500.00
Justine Schnitker Bunke Book Fund	1,000.00
Alfred Craemer Bequest	100.00
Wilhelmine Cramer Bequest	500.00
Julius C. Dahms Bequest	500.00
Edward F. Diercks Legacy	4,000.00
Friedericke Dobberphul Bequest	6,053.23
Doederlein Memorial	747.54
Anna Barbara Dorn Bequest	2,952.51
John H. Eden Bequest	3,000.00
Richard Eirich Bequest	300.00
J. L. Fred Fenker Bequest	5,000.00
Theo. Fett Bequest	622.54
Fort Wayne College Legacy Fund	28,711.57
David Frank Annuity Endowment	5,292.54
Wm. Freiberg Bequest	1,000.00
John H. Frese Bequest	887.13
Gallman Bequest	200.00
Susanna M. Greve Bequest	1,000.00
Louise Guenther Bequest	276.03
Mrs. C. C. Herbst Bequest	300.00
Emma Hertwig Legacy	128.00
Hinrich Holst Endowment	298.46
Horst Memorial Maintenance Fund	2,000.00
Italian Mission, West Hoboken, N. J.	2,347.81
Mary Kehlbeck Bequest	1,341.02
F. H. Kiessig Bequest	150.00
Christ. Klein Bequest	5,790.16
Thomas Koenke Bequest	613.96
Bertha Koester Bequest	2,200.00
John W. Kogge Bequest	2,000.00
John Henry Kratz Bequest	100.00
Christ. and Caroline Kruse Annuity Endowment	1,981.00
Fred M. Kundering Bequest	5,581.50
Theo. H. Lamprecht Bequest	31,875.00
Gertrude Langner Bequest	500.00
Henry Emil Martin Lauterbach Bequest	94.42
F. Mackensen Legacy	14,000.00
Anna Mallon Bequest	465.00
Alfred H. and Adele E. Mattfeld Fund	10,892.83
Peter Matthiesen Bequest	1,819.50
John Mehring Funds	9,500.00
Louisa Nauss Bequest	1,000.00
Anna Niemann Legacy	9,328.00
Charlotte Nuoffer Bequest	2,000.00
Herman C. Oerding Bequest	150.00
Ohio District Walther League Endowment Fund	785.75
Adolf G. Pearce Bequest	500.00
John Geo. Prager Bequest	931.60
Louise Riebe Bequest	11,409.18
River Forest Campus Endowment	20,000.00
Polly Rowlett Bequest	273.47
Rudtloff Legacy	1,000.00

St. Louis Seminary Art Commission Fund	2,000.00
St. Louis Seminary Students' Fund	1,784.01
St. Paul College Library Fund	3,000.00
Geo. Schaefer Bequest	100.00
Louis Schaperkötter Bequest	2,500.00
Margaret Schmidt Bequest	1,000.00
John H. Schroeder Legacy	12,979.35
The P. S. Fund	651.50
Bertha Sihler Legacy	3,404.73
Margaret Bursick Sommer Legacy	4,629.02
Maria Starke Legacy	5,000.00
Gesine Stelter Annuity Endowment	1,006.58
Simon J. Stiegler Legacy	1,000.00
J. F. Stoeckli Bequest	3,703.99
Wm. G. Streger Bequest	910.00
Herman Stueps Bequest	1,241.10
Stutz Legacy	3,241.69
John H. Sunkenberg Bequest	100.00
Carolina Vogler Bequest	200.00
Frederick Vollmer Bequest	5,691.20
Frederick Warther Bequest	5,000.00
Emma Wehmeyer Bequest	1,450.00
August Wendorf Bequest	321.52
Winfield College Endowment	150.00
John C. Wunder Bequest	465.00
Johann Zahrte Bequest	65.04
Eleonora Zum Mallen Legacy	903.76

Total New Legacies and Bequests	277,328.37
Earnings	51,795.56
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	\$559,907.24

To Budget Treasury: — DISBURSEMENTS.

Bley Bequest	\$ 50.00
Boettcher Legacy	4.25
Bolte Bequest	460.00
Dobberphul Bequest	3,026.61
Frese Bequest	881.38
General Legacies	1,890.00
Koester Bequest	1,500.00
Kogge Bequest	1,481.25
Lauterbach Bequest	94.42
Loresch Endowment	180.00
Mech Fund	149.40
Nikkel Legacy	270.00
Pearce Bequest	500.00
Prager Bequest	931.60
Prange Endowment	5,000.75
Putzig Endowment	27.50
Riebe Bequest	11,409.18
Schaaf Legacy	45.00
Schuricht Legacy	160.00
Starke Legacy	482.98
Stiegler Bequest	1,000.00
Stutz Legacy	444.35
Vogler Bequest	200.00
Warther Bequest	5,000.00
Zahrte Bequest	65.04
Zum Mallen Legacy	38.41

\$ 35,292.12

To Board of Support: —

Annuity Endowment	\$ 20.64
Annuity Endowment: Holst ...	26.86
Kaemper	2,112.00
"A Friend"	23.69
Becker Legacy	13.75
Behrens Bequest	722.32
Board of Support Legacy	13.75
L. and E. B. Legacy	137.50
Busse Legacy	27.50
Durr Legacy	523.84
Eirich Bequest	200.00
Fuelling Legacy	13.75
Goeppinger Legacy	275.00
Greb Legacy	206.25
Hamann Legacy	192.50
Harms Legacy	687.50
Koelling Legacy	27.50
Mehring Fund	76.47
Nachtigall Legacy	27.50
Nuoffer Bequest	500.00
Ortner Legacy	34.36
Raithel Legacy	1,633.71
Reuter Legacy	68.75
Schmidt Legacy	68.75
Schnake Legacy	13.75
Schultz Legacy	137.50
Sihler Legacy	181.86
Sommer Legacy	263.00
Starke Legacy	1,237.50
Strobecke Legacy	137.50
Thuernau Legacy	68.75

9,673.75

To Church Extension: —

Eirich Bequest	\$ 100.00
Greve Bequest	1,000.00
Koeneke Bequest	306.98
Kundinger Bequest	930.25
Ladwig Endowment	68.75
Mackensen Legacy	3,000.00
Matthiesen Bequest	1,819.50
Nuoffer Bequest	500.00
Schaperkotter Bequest	2,500.00

10,225.48

To Foreign Missions: —

Batz Bequest	\$ 50.00
Behrens Bequest	663.33
Block Memorial	183.33
Brunns Bequest	500.00
Budach Legacy	137.50
Dorn Bequest	738.13
Fett Bequest	311.27
Foreign Mission Legacy	137.50
Foreign Mission Endowment ...	68.75
Freiberg Bequest	1,000.00
Gallman Bequest	200.00
Gehrke Legacy	66.00
Heinz Legacy	247.50
Herbst Bequest	300.00
Hertwig Legacy	7.13

Kellerbauer Bequest	390.72	
Klein Bequest	924.00	
Kundinger Bequest	1,860.50	
Mehring Fund	382.38	
Oerding Bequest	150.00	
Ohio Dist. Walther League Fund	80.26	
Reisig Endowment	195.00	
Stoeckli Bequest	3,703.99	
Stueps Bequest	620.55	
Sunkenberg Bequest	100.00	
Tredup Endowment	27.50	
Wendorf Bequest	160.76	
		13,206.10
To Foreign Mission Buildings: —		
Fenker Bequest	\$ 5,000.00	
Schmidt Bequest	1,000.00	
		6,000.00
To Foreign-tongue Missions: —		
Dorn Bequest		738.12
To Home Missions: —		
Block Memorial	\$ 183.33	
Brandes Bequest	800.00	
Cramer Bequest	500.00	
Dierkson Legacy	68.75	
Dobberphul Bequest	3,026.62	
Endowment Fund for Home Miss.	25.04	
Fett Bequest	311.27	
Heinz Legacy	371.25	
Kehlbeck Bequest	504.76	
Kiessig Bequest	50.00	
Kratz Bequest	100.00	
Kruse Annuity	990.50	
Kundinger Bequest	930.25	
Mehring Fund	152.95	
Mohn Legacy	962.50	
Savings of a Pastor's Wife	137.50	
Schoenrich Legacy	41.25	
Steinfath Legacy	6.54	
		9,162.51
To Immigrant Mission in Canada: —		
Koester Bequest		1,500.00
To Indian Missions: —		
Behrens Bequest	\$ 663.33	
Dorn Bequest	738.13	
Scheel Legacy	34.38	
Wehmeyer Bequest	1,379.16	
		2,815.00
To Jewish Missions: —		
Koester Bequest		663.33
To Negro Missions: —		
Durr Legacy	\$ 523.83	
Heinz Legacy	247.50	
Holst Endowment	36.90	
Kundinger Bequest	930.25	
Mehring Fund	152.95	
"Our Redeemer Fund"	385.29	
Ploetz Endowment	151.25	
Rowlett Bequest	273.47	

Schaefer Bequest	100.00
Scheel Legacy	34.37
Wendorf Bequest	160.76

2,996.57

To South American Missions: —

Behrens Bequest	\$ 663.33
Dorn Bequest	738.13

1,401.46

To Synodical Building Fund: —

Kehlbeck Bequest	\$ 836.26
Kiessig Bequest	50.00
Mallon Bequest	32.20
Stueps Bequest	620.55
Vollmer Bequest	5,691.20
Zum Mallen Legacy	465.00

7,695.21

To Synodical Debt: —

Eden Bequest	\$ 3,000.00
General Legacies	997.50
Koester Bequest	200.00
Loesch Endowment	95.00
Mech Fund	78.85
Nikkel Legacy	142.50
Schaaf Legacy	23.75
Schuricht Legacy	80.00
Stutz Legacy	292.55

4,910.15

To Synodical Treasury: —

Altwasser Legacy	\$ 27.50
Aulich Legacy	137.50
Holst Endowment	150.00
Kruse Annuity	990.50
Kundinger Bequest	930.25
Mohr Legacy	227.85

2,463.60

To Indigent Students: —

Barthels Legacy	\$ 680.30
Pastor Edward Beck Fund	45.00
Block Memorial	733.34
Burke Legacy	68.75
Dahms Bequest	475.30
Durr Legacy	523.83
Heitmüller Legacy	137.50
Hochwart Legacy	13.75
Horst Scholarship Foundation..	1,425.00
Indigent Students' Endowment..	105.19
Indigent Students' Fund	137.50
Jorn Legacy	137.50
Landre Legacy	275.00
Mackensen Legacy	530.56
Mueller Legacy	55.00
Nuoffer Bequest	500.00
Poetsch Legacy	95.00
Rudtloff Legacy	50.00
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Fund	4,609.94
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Legacy	137.50
Scheel Legacy	68.75
Schroeder Legacy	251.00

Springfield Indigent Students' Legacy	137.50	
Springfield Student Fund	1,590.05	
Starke Legacy	137.50	
Succop Legacy	305.00	
Tiarks Legacy	687.50	
Weissbrodt Legacy	90.32	
Willner Legacy	428.11	
Winfield Indigent Students' Fund	135.88	
Wunder Bequest	465.00	
Zuttermeister Legacy	259.92	
		15,292.49
To Board of Christian Education: —		
American Luther League Fund		33.00
To California Concordia College, Oakland: —		
Koencke Bequest		153.49
To Concordia College, Edmonton: —		
Bastian Endowment		27.00
To Concordia College, Fort Wayne: —		
Fort Wayne College Legacy Fund		2,097.16
To Concordia College, St. Paul: —		
St. Paul College Library Fund		130.32
To Concordia Institute, Bronxville: —		
Diercks Legacy	\$ 37.69	
Lamprecht Endowment	150.00	
Mattfeld Fund	1,753.00	
		1,940.69
To Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest: —		
River Forest Campus Endowment		2,043.39
To Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis: —		
Art Commission Fund	\$ 240.69	
Concordia Seminary Legacy ...	816.02	
Diercks Legacy	37.68	
Guenther Bequest	276.03	
Horst Memorial Maintenance..	210.00	
Langner Bequest	500.00	
Pollmann Legacy	68.75	
Schnitker Bunke Book Fund ...	30.00	
		2,179.17
To St. John's College, Winfield: —		
St. John's Coll. Endow. Fund...\$	13.50	
Winfield Girls' Dormitory Fund	750.00	
		763.50
To Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown: —		
Ladwig Endowment	\$ 34.38	
Schroeder Legacy	125.49	
		159.87
To Chicago Lutheran Church Extension Fund: —		
Nuoffer Bequest		500.00
To Children's Friend Society, Peoria: —		
Behrens Bequest		663.33
To Concordia Old Folks' Home, Marwood: —		
Heinz Legacy		247.50
To Eastern District Home Missions: —		
Schoenrich Legacy		41.25
To Eastern District, for Mission in Pittsburgh: —		
Heinz Legacy		247.50

To Ev. Luth. Deaf-mute Institute, Detroit: —		
Heinz Legacy	\$ 247.50	
Koenke Bequest	153.49	
Schroeder Legacy	125.49	
		526.48
To Ev. Luth. Free Church in Saxony: —		
Dr. R. J. G. Legacy	\$ 343.75	
Kastenhuber Legacy	1,236.69	
Kiessig Bequest	50.00	
Klein Bequest	4,866.16	
		6,496.60
To Hospital in Ambur, India: —		
Doederlein Memorial		510.04
To L. L. L. Endowment Fund: —		
Lamprecht Bequest		4,000.00
To Lutheran Deaconess Association: —		
Kogge Bequest		493.75
To Lutheran Hospital, St. Louis: —		
Mackensen Legacy		500.00
To Northern Illinois District Church Extension Fund: —		
Streger Bequest		910.00
To Orphans' Home, Des Peres: —		
Schroeder Legacy		125.49
To Station KFUD: —		
Craemer Bequest		100.00
To Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis: —		
Mackensen Legacy		500.00
To Wheat Ridge Sanitarium: —		
Ladwig Endowment		34.37
Administration Expenses		1,209.87
Inheritance Taxes		200.00
Transfer		192.33
Total Disbursements		151,061.99
Balance, January 31, 1932		\$408,845.25

CC. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

January 31, 1932.

Current Assets: —		SYNOD'S ASSETS.	
Cash		\$ 33,589.03	
Accounts Receivable		18,361.96	
Advances to Colleges		12,105.46	
Advances for Traveling		425.00	
Notes Receivable		18,566.34	
Salary Relief Loans		11,750.65	
			\$ 94,798.44
Deferred Charges: —			
Collection Envelopes for 1932	\$ 4,168.75		
Deaf-mute Building Fund	23.72		
Indian Building Fund	1,379.96		
Missionary Expansion Material for 1932 ..	863.19		
Publicity Material for 1932	6,834.18		
St. Louis Seminary — Old Buildings	3,798.44		
Synodical Moving Picture	4,240.65		
			21,308.89
Professors' Residences and Garages			180,256.17

Permanent-Trust-Fund Investments: —

Bonds	\$389,500.00	
Loans (secured)	121,241.49	
Notes Receivable	15,080.00	
Stocks (received by gift)	301.00	
		<u>526,122.49</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 822,485.99</u>

SYNOD'S LIABILITIES.

Current Liabilities — Accounts Payable: —

Accrued Liabilities — Building Fund	\$ 2,046.57	
Interest Payable	4,376.63	
Negro Missions	8,375.98	
Bequests	31,993.29	
Church Extension Fund	183,510.46	
Deposits by Colleges and Seminaries	73,919.28	
Notes Payable — To banks	175,000.00	
Notes Payable — To others	206,421.03	
Railroad Secretary	85.58	
Relief Funds	49,937.31	
Sunday-school Correspondence Course	767.66	
Sundry Accounts	10,328.90	
Suspense	4,775.00	
		<u>\$ 751,537.69</u>

Budget Accounts Payable: —

Contingent Reserve Fund	\$ 2,302.84	
Foreign Building Fund	8,473.65	
Negro Building Fund	9,769.26	
Synodical Building Fund	13,304.92	
		<u>33,850.67</u>

Permanent Trust Funds: —

Annuities	\$ 41,879.43	
Legacies and Bequests	408,845.25	
Permanent Support Fund	146,991.03	
		<u>\$597,715.71</u>
Less Bequests — Current Liabilities	31,993.29	

Premiums and Discounts

565,722.42

Undivided Earnings

716.84

31,922.01

Total Liabilities	\$1,383,749.63
Total Assets	822,485.99

Board of Support	\$ 36,272.48
Deaf-mute Missions	24,693.53
European Missions	26,758.00
Finnish Church in North America	123.10
Foreign Missions	75,355.56
Foreign-tongue Missions	15,186.52
Home Missions	110,133.30
Immigrant and Seamen's Missions	2,643.54
Indian Missions	3,321.16
Jewish Missions	2,588.43
Negro Missions	25,588.23
South American Missions	18,546.69
Synodical Treasury	220,053.10

Deficit, January 31, 1932	\$561,263.64	<u>\$ 561,263.64</u>
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The entire bookkeeping in the Treasurer's office during the triennium just closed, also the annual balance-sheets and of course the foregoing triennial balance-sheet, is the work of Synod's Financial Secretary, Mr. Theo. W. Eckhart, and his assistants. The triennial balance-sheet is prepared along the same lines as that of 1929 in order to facilitate comparisons.

Messrs. A. G. Brauer, R. H. Leonhardt, W. H. Schlueter, and Louis H. Waltke, and unofficially also Mr. Richard H. Waltke and W. H. Kroehnke, have again rendered valuable services as the committee controlling the Treasurer's investments. The fact that few investments were made, especially during the latter part of this triennium, increased rather than decreased their labors because of the very irregular condition of the investment market.

One of the members of the Fiduciary Committee, which committee consists of Messrs. E. Schuettner, Chas. J. Burde, and R. Boren-pohl, has faithfully attended the Treasurer every time he had to visit Synod's deposit boxes.

The services of Mr. Geo. Eigel have been engaged as counsel, to succeed Mr. S. T. G. Smith, who died shortly before our last convention.

Synod's Auditing Committee (Wm. Lottmann, chairman, O. E. Fischer, and W. H. Roschke) through Synod's official auditor, A. W. Huge, have kept the books and the transactions of your Treasurer under continuous audit. Their reports will be separately submitted to Synod.

Respectfully,

E. SEUEL, *Treasurer.*

Concerning this report *Committee 18* brought in these recommendations:—

Your Committee recommends that Synod express its appreciation of the increased legacy receipts during the past triennium and that it at the same time suggest to District officials that this form of offering be given more publicity.

Your Committee recommends that Synod express its appreciation of, and thanks for, the valuable services rendered by the members of Synod's Investment and Fiduciary Committees.

Referring to the entire report of the Treasurer, your Committee notes with pleasure the completeness and clarity of said report.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

Board of Auditors' Report.

(Memorial 603.)

Your Board of Auditors respectfully submits the following report covering its activities during the past triennium.

2. The results obtained by the employment of a full-time auditor

have exceeded our expectations. We are firmly convinced that this innovation was a step in the right direction and that the savings accomplished by introducing uniform methods and systems and proper check on appropriations more than offset the expenditures for salary and traveling expenses of this newly created office. Synod is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. W. Huge, who is exceptionally well qualified to perform the duties required, is conscientious, faithful, resourceful, has initiative, and above all is endowed with Christian virtues and has the welfare of Synod at heart.

3. Our auditor has annually audited the books of the General Treasurer of Synod and of all departments of Synod handling synodical funds, and detailed reports of such audits have been submitted to us for review. In this connection we wish to express our appreciation of the generally fine cooperation given to Mr. Huge by the various college and mission boards.

4. Because of the nature of Concordia Publishing House, with its outside business and credit contacts, a firm of public accountants is still making this audit. Our auditor, however, made a very thorough survey of the financial and mercantile side of Concordia Publishing House in behalf of Synod's Board of Directors. This survey covered the past fifteen years and was conducted during the year 1931. A detailed report was made to Synod's Board of Directors. At the request of the Synodical Conference the colleges and all departments of the Colored Missions were checked by our auditor. A survey of the Wheat Ridge Sanitarium and audits of the National Broadcast Fund of the L. L. L. and of the General Funds of the L. L. L. were also made by Mr. Huge.

5. A study of the audit reports and cost statements submitted has disclosed facts and observations which should be brought to Synod's attention. For instance, the high per-capita cost of some of our institutions is directly traceable to a very noticeable drop in their enrolment. In this connection, however, there were vacancies in the faculties of several of the institutions thus adversely affected, which vacancies, it would seem, would not need to have been filled until there was again an increase in the enrolment. Under our present arrangements a surplus of man-power can only be adjusted at the time of such vacancies. We are of the opinion that where vacancies occur in the faculties the Board of Directors should be consulted before such vacancies are filled.

6. There is an inequality in the furnishing of study- and dormitory-rooms at our institutions. Some of our older institutions charge a "furniture fee," out of which replacements are made; at other institutions, particularly the newer ones, no such fees are charged, and, as a consequence, Synod must make the replacements.

After Synod has furnished the original equipment, the students should pay for the wear and tear.

7. This brings us to the general inequality of other fees charged at our institutions. There seems no good reason why there should be such a great disparity of fees. It would be our suggestion that Synod provide for a study of this feature.

8. The Board of Directors is agreed with us that the 1917 Milwaukee resolution (page 133 of the *Proceedings*)

„Wie aus den Berichten des Allgemeinen Herrn Kassierers ersichtlich, gibt es beständig Klassen der Allgemeinen Synode, in denen Mangel herrscht, während zu derselben Zeit andere Klassen einen überschuß haben, durch den jener Mangel zeitweilig gedeckt werden kann und wird.

„Doch wird berichtet, daß der überschuß einiger, weniger Klassen von den betreffenden Komiteen der Allgemeinen Synode selbst verwaltet wird. Daher erlauben wir uns zu beantragen, daß der etwaige überschuß jeder Klasse der Allgemeinen Synode in den Händen des Allgemeinen Herrn Kassierers bleibe, wo er der ganzen Synode zugute kommen kann.“

covers all funds in the hands of Synod's officers and employees who by virtue of their office act as custodians or trustees of such funds. All colleges except one (and this one partly) are cooperating in giving Synod the use of any temporary surplus funds; but it seems well that for the benefit of the institution not yet fully cooperating Synod clarify this resolution by stating that the resolution covers also all commissary and student funds in the hands of the treasurer of the institution.

9. Paragraph B of page 86 (*English Handbook*) is clearly understood by us to mean that Synod intended that *all* earnings of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund be used for the care of our "Veterans of the Cross." The Special Board of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund feels that because of the present very unsettled investment conditions a withholding of 5% of the earnings to meet possible losses is justified. It is our opinion that, after the present unsettled investment conditions have righted themselves, the 5% which the Special Board is setting aside out of "A" earnings should be returned to the "Earnings Account," to be applied against payments made to our "Veterans of the Cross," as originally intended.

10. The present General Church Extension Board has employed itself zealously and intelligently in an endeavor to handle the funds entrusted to it according to the rules of Synod. However, in spite of thorough follow-up there is now past due the sum of \$300,081.99 out of loans aggregating \$1,120,023.51. In other words, 26.79% are delinquent. Several causes contribute to this delinquency, but we

will refer to only one. There are quite a number of loans on which no payments whatever have been made in five, ten, even fifteen years, which indicates an utter lack of consciousness of obligation.

11. Several of our colleges, particularly River Forest and Springfield, have had the laudable practise of requiring work on the part of students receiving help out of indigent students' funds of the college. There is much work at our institutions that can be done by students with profit to both college and student. Quoting Prof. H. Stoeppelwerth in the *American Lutheran*: "Our boys will learn the value of money and the laws that govern its acquisition and use." A number of other colleges have now also instituted the practise with satisfactory results, and we would commend the plan to Synod for general adoption.

Respectfully submitted by your

BOARD OF AUDITORS.

WM. LOTTMANN. W. H. ROSCHKE. O. E. FISCHER.

Action on the report of *Committee 18*:—

As to *paragraph 5*, the recommendation of the committee was *adopted* that Synod, for the reasons stated, act favorably on the recommendations of the Board, that where vacancies occur in the faculties, the Board of Directors be consulted before such vacancies are filled.

As to *paragraph 6*, the recommendation of *Committee 18* was *adopted* that Synod establish the rule that all our educational institutions charge a so-called "furniture fee" to make replacements when and as they become necessary.

As to *paragraph 7*, the recommendation of *Committee 18* was *adopted* that the matter of inequality of other fees be referred to the Conference of Professors.

As to *paragraph 9*, regarding the setting aside of 5 per cent. from the earnings of the Endowment Fund to build up a reserve fund (see also Memorial 610), the recommendation of *Committee 18* was *adopted* that, after the present unsettled investment conditions have righted themselves, the 5 per cent. which the Special Board is setting aside out of "A" earnings be returned to the Earnings Account, to be used for the support of our Veterans of the Cross as originally intended.

As to *paragraph 10*, referring to delinquent Church Extension loans, the recommendation of *Committee 18* was *adopted*, reading: "Referring to loans on which no payments have been made for five, ten, and fifteen years, indicating an utter lack of consciousness of obligation, your Committee recommends that Synod express its disapproval of such indifference to obligations and encourage the Church Extension Board to call upon the District officers for assistance in bringing the matter to the attention of such congregations."

Vote of Thanks to Financial Officers.

Upon recommendation of *Committee 18* Synod *resolved* to express its gratitude to the Treasurer and the Board of Auditors and the Fiscal Office for their efficient, painstaking, and valuable services.

Appropriations Committee.

On the basis of the report of the Appropriations Committee, which was printed as a supplement to the *Reports and Memorials* and submitted to the delegates, *Committee 1* brought in its recommendations during the first days of the convention, whereupon Synod *resolved*:—

A. That this convention make no attempt to establish budgets for the fiscal years 1933, 1934, and 1935, but that the properly constituted body be charged with the duty of fixing the 1933, 1934, and 1935 budgets at the proper time;

B. That the grouping of the budget items into Groups A and B be continued, the fixing of the respective treasuries under these groups being left to the Fiscal Conference;

C. That the priority of the items in Group B be determined by the Board of Directors;

D. That all receipts (as heretofore) be credited to the respective purpose for which they are received;

E. That the total offering for the budget treasury be so distributed that the necessary disbursements of Group A items within their respective budgets be fully met before Group B items participate;

F. That the Board of Directors in conjunction with the College of Presidents be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to balance the budget, should the emergency arise necessitating such action.

(G. The recommendation to limit the borrowing power of the Board of Directors was *rejected* by Synod, and the matter was left to the discretion of the Board of Directors, which may consult with the College of Presidents.)

H. That the Board of Directors be authorized and instructed to make special efforts during 1932 and the following years to bring our receipts up to budget requirements;

I. That the respective Board of Control in conjunction with the Board of Directors be held to reduce the number of instructors at such institutions at which conditions would warrant such reduction.

J. Relative to expenditures for improvement taxes (at various colleges) and for the training-school building at Seward, listed on pages 10, 11, and 12 of the report of the Appropriations Committee, amounting to \$86,694.56, it was *resolved* to approve these expenditures.

The recommendation to charge each student \$15 annually to help

cover the cost of housing service, heat, and light, was *rejected* by Synod.

The following recommendation of *Committee 1* was adopted: —

We recommend to Synod that the Appropriations Committee, before it presents its report to Synod, submit this report to Committee 1 and such other committees as deal with work financed by Synod.

Report of the Special Board of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund.

(Memorial 610.)

In its first meeting during the past triennium the standing members of the Special Board, President Pfotenhauer, Secretary Kretzmann, Treasurer Seuel, Mr. Edwin H. Faster, and Mr. Louis H. Waltke, elected Messrs. F. C. Pritzlaff and Paul Schulze as the sixth and seventh members of the Board. In the second meeting, October 8, 1929, the Board organized by electing Mr. Edwin H. Faster chairman, the undersigned secretary, and Mr. Paul Schulze treasurer. Dr. Pfotenhauer, Mr. Pritzlaff, and Mr. Schulze were appointed as Fiduciary Committee to accompany the treasurer whenever he would wish to have access to our box. The Executive Committee consisted of Messrs. Paul Schulze, Edwin H. Faster, and F. C. Pritzlaff.

Synod had authorized the Board to make "*custodian-account arrangements* for the benefit and protection of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund with a trust company of high responsibility and reputation." A written proposal of the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago was studied carefully and discussed with representatives of the bank. It was clearly understood that the proposed arrangement would in no wise take away the control of the fund from the Board itself, since the decision concerning investments would rest entirely with the Executive Committee of our Board, the officials of the Trust Company serving merely in an advisory capacity. It was resolved that we enter into a custodian agreement with the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company according to the written agreement submitted and signed by all members of the Board. The principal provisions of this agreement are: —

- 1) That the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company as trustee have physical responsibility for their safe-keeping;
- 2) That coupons be collected when due and the proceeds be deposited in accordance with the instructions of the Board;
- 3) That bonds be presented promptly for payment when called for redemption or on date of maturity;
- 4) That the sale and replacement of securities be taken care of;
- 5) That complete accounts be kept and full statements be rendered periodically.

This agreement with the company was formally acknowledged in a letter signed by the secretary in the name of the Board. In the same meeting all the securities of the Endowment Fund were checked out of our safe-deposit box and given into the hands of the trust company. At present all our securities (except a note of Concordia Publishing House) are held in the vaults of the bank, where they were again checked over early this year by the whole Board.

At a meeting held January 13, 1932, the Board assured itself of the *safety of our securities* in the bank vaults. A system of receipts and audits, revised recently, makes it practically impossible for any one to get any of these bonds out of the vaults without the proper authority. Officers of the bank positively declared that the institution would be responsible for the security of the bonds and liable in case of any loss, having insured the securities and standing behind their safety with all the capital and surplus of the bank. This assurance was also given in a letter, which is on file.

The Board has been very solicitous about the safety of our investment. The sales, purchases, and conversion of the bonds were made under consultation with the bank officials by unanimous consent of the Investment Committee and with the approval of the whole Board.

In order to further safeguard the permanent capital of the fund (cf. *Synodical Handbook*, p. 87, 2, a), the Board, after careful and thorough deliberations and competent advice, set aside 5% of the earnings of the Fund in 1931 to build up our Reserve Fund. This Reserve Fund is known as Account "B." Before the 5% referred to, are turned over to Account "B," the administration expenses of Account "A" are deducted, and whatever remains of the 5% is then turned over to Account "B." While we do not anticipate any losses at this time, yet we deem it only good business to make provisions for such an emergency. The payments to the Board of Support have increased from \$99,000 in 1925 to \$115,000 in 1930. For 1931, \$120,000 has been turned over for the support of those dependent upon the income of this fund. The accounts of the treasurer of the fund were audited repeatedly by the Synodical Auditor, Mr. A. W. Huge.

Respectfully submitted by

THE SPECIAL BOARD OF THE L. L. L.
ENDOWMENT FUND.

M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

Synod received this report without any special action, except as to the last paragraph, the matter being mentioned also in paragraph 9 of the report of the Board of Auditors. (Compare resolution under the report of Auditors.)

The Budget System Unchanged.

(Memorial 604.)

The South Wisconsin District had proposed the following resolution:—

“Resolved, That the debt, the Church Extension, and the Building Fund be separated from the current-expense fund, that the current-expense fund constitute the budget, and that the debt, the Church Extension, and the Building Fund be raised separately by special drives, or collections.”

Committee 18 recommended that at the present time our budget system remain as it is.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation of Committee 18.

A Book on Tithing.

(Memorial 617.)

WHEREAS, Tithing is being advocated more and more extensively in our midst; and

WHEREAS, There is an ever-increasing number of communicant members also in our midst who not only desire information on the tithe, but also desire the tithe; and

WHEREAS, Other individual members, privately and publicly, resent, criticize, and oppose such publicity respecting the tithe; and

WHEREAS, Such contradiction must needs bring confusion into the finances of a congregation, a District, and of Synod; and

WHEREAS, Uniformity in this matter is desirable; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod cause a book to be edited, under supervision of the Fiscal Office, setting forth the history, the abuse, and the proper use of the tithe.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE NORTHERN
NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

MARCUS GRIKE, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee 18:—

Your Committee recommends that Synod authorize the publication of a book setting forth the history, the abuse, and the proper use of the tithe. Your Committee further recommends that this book be published in an inexpensive edition to permit wide distribution.

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

District Treasurers' Report.

Pursuant to the unprinted Memorial 75 of the Colorado District, *Committee 18* reported:—

“Your Committee endorses the suggestion of this memorial that the practise of a few District treasurers publishing a summary of their receipts in the Lutheran Witness and Lutheraner be discontinued.

Your Committee recommends that the Treasurer of Synod publish monthly in the *Witness* and *Lutheraner* the accumulated amount of remittances from each District Treasurer."

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

Report of the Board of Support.

(Support of Professors, Pastors, Teachers, and Their Widows and Orphans.)

(Memorial 605.)

The undersigned Board respectfully submits to the Ven. Synod its report for the years 1929, 1930, and 1931.

Appreciation.

Under the guidance and protection of our heavenly Father your Board, in the last three years, held its regular meetings and at all times enjoyed the harmonious and fraternal cooperation not only of our thirty District boards and certain officials of the European Free Church, but also of a number of mission boards and a great many pastors and other brethren. We wish to extend our hearty thanks to all our friends who assisted us in the difficult task of gathering the necessary information concerning the applicants.

Regulations.

Guided by the principles laid down and accepted by the conventions of 1914 (*Bericht*, 168 ff.) and 1923 (*Bericht*, 179. 180. 184), we have made every effort to deal justly and fairly with all applicants and to safeguard the interests of both the petitioners and the Synod. We do not at the present time favor the adoption of radical changes in the method of support.

There is a certain group of needy pastors and teachers which is not mentioned in the regulations. Since the depression has set in, their number has increased. We are referring to those men who, strictly speaking, do not come under the regulations because they were not compelled to resign because of old age or illness, but were asked by their congregation or by the officials of our Synod to tender their resignation for other reasons. Some of these men are in good standing and eligible to be called into another congregation. Under present conditions they are unable to find employment and are in financial distress. It has been our policy after careful investigation to recommend these brethren to the General Relief Board for temporary help or to make a special emergency allowance from our funds.

Statistics.

The volume of our work has been steadily growing, as may be learned from our reports in the *Statistical Year-book*. The rapid increase of the demands made on our funds in the last fifteen years,

however, has been considerably retarded. This becomes evident when we compare the totals of the last two periods.

	<i>Amount Disbursed</i>	<i>Applications in Force</i>
1925	\$231,535	543
1928	284,285	662
Increase	52,750	119
1931	305,515	707
Increase	21,232	45

It must be remembered, however, that the comparatively small growth of the number of applications in force was not due to the fact that fewer requests were received and granted (these are still increasing), but by a larger number of cancelations; for in our larger group there are more deaths, more cases of convalescence, remarriage of widows, etc.

Reduction.

In view of present conditions we did not carry out the desire voiced by several conventions that a more adequate support be granted; but in spite of the larger number of beneficiaries we have decreased the total allowance since January. We wish to emphasize, however, that the income accruing to the Board from the invested funds (L. L. L. Endowment Fund, etc.) should under no conditions be withheld from the Board, and no part of it should be diverted to other causes.

Personal Contributions.

The resolution of 1929 instructing the Board of Support to work out the details of a plan combining the personal contributions with the Annuity Plan has not yet been carried out. After some delay a number of meetings were held with the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, and a code of rules for a Savings and Annuity Plan for professors, pastors, and teachers was drafted and practically adopted. In the mean time, with the cooperation of the District boards, the former plan of the personal contributions was continued.

Memorial Gifts.

In order to stimulate the adoption of the praiseworthy and beneficial custom of remembering our departed friends by a memorial donation, articles were inserted in the *Annual* and the *Kalender* as well as in District and other papers, more than 5,000 engraved memorial cards and large quantities of descriptive leaflets were distributed, and lately we had 2,000 beautifully lithographed cards made, which we offer for sale at cost. The result is gratifying; still it is evident that this field should be cultivated more intensely and this source of income be made to flow more copiously. The Permanent Fund for the support of the invalid, widow, and orphan seems to be the most natural and logical designation of the memorial donations.

Annuity Agreements.

The same holds good with regard to the Annuity Gifts. With the limited time and equipment at our disposal, we succeeded in gaining nine more gifts, totaling \$6,080. We are corresponding with a number of prospects. In eleven years we have received a total of about \$49,000 from this source.

Societies.

Educational, missionary, and charitable societies which have called one of our pastors or teachers were asked by the convention of 1923 to make their men eligible for synodical support by contributing about \$50 a year for each worker engaged. After much correspondence almost all the societies of this character have complied with the ruling of the Synod; a special arrangement was made with the Synodical Conference in regard to the men engaged in the Colored Missions. We have received approximately \$1,700 annually from this source. There are still a number of societies that have neglected to protect themselves and their men by accepting this plan.

The Support Conference

should meet at least every third year in order to give the General Board an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the frequently changing chairmen of the District boards and to discuss the many and serious problems confronting them. It is to be regretted that on account of the financial condition many of the far-distant boards will refrain from sending a delegate to the conference which will meet immediately before the convention.

THE BOARD OF SUPPORT.

F. G. KUEHNERT, *Chairman.*

Report of *Committee 19*:—

Your Committee has studied the report of the Board of Support as given by the chairman, the Rev. F. G. Kuehnert, and realizes to some extent the problems of this Board and the great responsibility resting upon its members. We wish to commend the Board and the chairman for the faithful performance of their duties.

The report touches upon several matters that have been given to your Committee for deliberation. Under the paragraph on "Regulations" the report speaks of a certain group of needy pastors and teachers not mentioned in the regulations. Overture 611 refers to the same group and petitions Synod so to change the rules of the Board of Support that provision may be made for the proper care of these needy servants. The same matter is mentioned in the report of the Board of Directors, paragraph B, 8, where Synod is asked to clarify the rules and regulations of the Relief Board.

After careful deliberation your Committee has come to the conclusion that the regulations of the Board of Support should not be changed and that this Board should, as heretofore, serve to provide help only for superannuated Veterans of the Cross and for those who have resigned on account of illness and for their dependents or their widows and orphans. Your Committee therefore recommends to Synod:—

1. That all such cases of need as merit Synod's assistance and yet do not specifically come within the scope and sphere of the operation of the Board of Support or any other Board of Synod be referred to the Board for General Relief;

That the rules and regulations for the Board of General Relief be hereby construed as applying to all such cases.

2. Your Committee recommends that the income accruing to the Board of Support from the Endowment Fund should under no consideration be withheld from this Board and that no part of it should be diverted to other causes and therefore recommends further that the sum accruing from the Endowment Fund should not be included in the budgeted receipts of Synod.

3. In respect to *personal contributions* your Committee would urge the pastors, professors, and teachers to continue to make their personal contributions to the Permanent Support Fund until some other plan of support is put into operation.

4. We wish to call attention to the custom of *memorial donations* and urge the use of memorial wreaths for the benefit of this treasury in accord with the original idea of this custom.

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

Obligation of Children of Pastors and Teachers in Need of Support.

(Memorial 612.)

WHEREAS, There appears to be a lack of clarity and unanimity of opinion in the various Districts as to the proper interpretation of the policy of Synod with regard to the obligation of adult children of those in need of support; and

WHEREAS, Such a condition may result in false expectations regarding future support; and

WHEREAS, Scripture requires that such children as are able to support their parents should be admonished to do so; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ontario District, in convention assembled at Ottawa, July 7—12, 1931, memorialize the synodical convention assembled at Milwaukee to define the obligation of adult children to such parents as receive, or have applied for, support and to devise effective means whereby the obligation can be impressed upon such children.

ALFRED DASHNER, *Secretary*.

Report of *Committee 19*:—

We recommend that Synod instruct its Board of Support to insert under the "Directions for Applicants" on its questionnaire the following paragraph:—

"Although the Church cheerfully acknowledges its obligations to help support the incapacitated pastors and teachers and their dependents, yet we would not have this understood as absolving children and near relatives from their Scriptural duty."

Synod *adopted* this recommendation of Committee 19.

Adoption of Pension System.

(Memorial 614.)

WHEREAS, Various church-bodies have established a pension system for the benefit of their servants;

WHEREAS, Synod already in 1917 instructed its Board of Support to submit a plan for a pension system to Synod in 1920;

WHEREAS, In the estimation of many the time for the establishment of such a system is ripe; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition Synod to elect a committee which together with the Board of Support work out a pension system and submit it to Synod in 1935.

(From Twin City Conference, adopted at a meeting in Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., February 10, 1932.)

CARL S. MUNDINGER, *Chairman*.

W. WALTHER, *Secretary*.

The Western Conference of the Ontario District submitted the following overture regarding pensions (Memorial 613):—

1) We recommend that every student at our synodical colleges and seminaries be required to pay an annual tuition-fee of \$50, payable in semiannual instalments. Only in exceptional cases shall this amount be paid by the District Boards of Support.

2) This tuition-money shall be invested in sound securities, yielding at least 4½% interest, and the interest is to be reinvested semiannually. The amounts paid in by such as discontinue their studies or do not enter the service of the Church within five years after graduation from the seminaries or normal schools shall be paid into the Synodical Treasury.

3) At the age of sixty-five the annuitant shall be paid either an annuity for life or a last-survivor annuity for himself and wife, both based upon annuity tables in general use.

4) A person in the service of the Church may after his graduation contribute to this fund further sums of money, which shall be credited to his account, and thus raise the amount of the annuity.

5) In the event of the death of the annuitant before he has reached the annuity age, the accumulated sum shall be paid to named beneficiaries in annual instalments, not to exceed 10% of the amount accumulated at the death of the annuitant.

6) A person terminating his service in the Synodical Conference without entering upon an old-age annuity shall upon release of all other claims be entitled to withdraw the accumulations from his own payments after graduation with interest additions.

7) Synod shall amend its charter, if necessary, in such a way that it will be able to carry out this plan.

A. C. HAHN, *Secretary.*

Committee 19 recommended that a committee be appointed before January 1, 1933, by the Board of Directors to study the entire matter concerning pensions for the servants of the Church and their dependents and, if a pension plan is found advisable, to work out a pension system and to submit it to Synod in 1935.

Synod *adopted* the recommendation of *Committee 19*.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Recommendation of Committee 24 Relative to the Deaths of Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger.

WHEREAS, Within the past triennium God in His wisdom called home three former members of our theological faculty in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, These men have rendered outstanding services both to Concordia Seminary and to the Church at large; therefore be it

Resolved, That with gratitude to God we acknowledge in this manner the preeminent services in the Church of Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger; and be it further

Resolved, That we ask Dr. Fuerbringer at this time to give a brief review of the life and service of Drs. F. Pieper, F. Bente, and Geo. Mezger; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention, in grateful recognition of the work of these eminent servants of the Church, rise to a minute of silent prayer.

These resolutions were *adopted* and acted upon.

Report of the Synodical Press Committee.

(Memorial 701.)

The Press Committee elected at the last convention respectfully submits the following report.

The Christian Church has a record of nineteen centuries of most effective publicity. The spoken word, the printing-press, the living

testimony of its members, and the use of God's latest gift to mankind, the radio, have all been employed to arrest man's attention to give heed to his soul's salvation. The publicity endeavors of your Press Committee have chiefly been of the kind which might bring helpful suggestions to the pastor and his people in the preparation of local publicity and missionary endeavors. During the last triennium your Committee issued the material given below:—

February, 1930: Service sheet, four sections, containing suggestions for the Lenten season. Easter material and general publicity.

January, 1931: A clip-sheet presenting a program for National Lutheran Publicity Week, February 8—15, 1931.

July, 1931: Manual—*Proposing an Aggressive Offensive against Modernism along Positive Lines*—and clip-sheet, two sections, which brought helpful material, newspaper articles and other copy which might aid to carry out the suggestions offered in the pamphlet.

November, 1931: Manual for a congregational missionary campaign and an eight-page clip-sheet containing suggestions, articles for newspapers, parish-papers, and catlog of electrotypes. All campaign material suggested in manual.

January, 1932: Clip-sheet, eleven pages, containing suggestions for special services, from letters for a Lenten campaign, parish-paper articles, newspaper article, copy for newspaper advertising, etc.

In October, 1930, President Hoover provided the *American Lutheran Magazine* with the following message:—

"The White House,
Washington.

"October 3, 1930.

"I send cordial greetings to the Americans of Lutheran faith who are celebrating on October 31 the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and the four-hundredth anniversary of the reading of the Augsburg Confession, from which date so many changes in point of view from older conceptions both of religion and government. The effects of these historical events are reflected in our national life and institutions, in religion through the predominant numbers of adherents to Protestant faiths and in government through the principle of separation of Church and State. It is fitting that we should commemorate the persons and events from which these mighty forces have sprung.

(Signed.) "HERBERT HOOVER."

The President's greetings were carried as a special feature by the Associated Press and other news agencies, whereupon the Rev. J. J. Burke, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, issued a statement attacking the accuracy of the President's statement and made an attack upon the Lutheran Confessions. The Synodical Press Committee sent a letter to the Rev. Burke and also made public answer through the Associated Press and provided editors, whenever the opportunity afforded itself, with accurate defensive statements.

In cooperation with the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau

the four-hundredth anniversary of the Augsburg Confession was given nation-wide publicity through the circulation of national news stories, special articles, and other dignified mediums of publicity.

In August, 1930, through the Western Newspaper Union, 5,000 proofs of a boiler plate featuring the anniversary were mailed to all pastors of Synod with the suggestion that this material be offered to their local newspapers.

We were privileged to assist a number of District and other committees in arranging exhibits at State fairs, Reformation services, Luther Day celebrations, etc. Many letters were written to pastors in which helpful suggestions on publicity work were offered.

The appropriation of Synod for the three-year period was \$7,500. Your Committee spent \$2,760.26, as follows:—

1929	1930	1931	1932	
\$8.19	\$852.32	\$1,478.18	\$421.56	Total, \$2,760.26

Recommendations.

a. We recommend for the next triennium that the same appropriation, *i. e.*, \$2,500 for each year, be granted the Press Committee.

b. Your Committee regrets that it once more must call Synod's attention to the lack of cooperation on the part of all those who could provide the Press Committee with information which would enable it to present to the public press necessary information about our Church.

At the last convention of Synod the following recommendation of the committee was adopted:—

"The Committee recommends to Synod that it urge upon all the sources of news for the press a sympathetic cooperation with Synod's Press Committee."

We regret that the expected cooperation was not forthcoming and that as a result some splendid opportunities to bring our Church and what it stands for before the public were forfeited. We recommend that Synod once more go on record as urging upon all members of Synod that the Synodical Press Committee receive copies of all news items, reports, etc., which contain information of general interest to our people and public.

In this connection we refer to pages 188 and 189 of the *Proceedings* of the 34th convention.

Grateful acknowledgment is hereby made of the policy of the A. L. P. B., which liberally placed all its facilities at your Committee's disposal, thus effecting a great saving of money to our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. LINDEMAN, *Chairman.*

ERWIN KURTH, *Secretary.*

J. F. E. NICKELSBURG, *Treasurer.*

Report of *Committee 23*: —

1. In recognition of the worthy service of the Synodical Press Committee in the past we earnestly recommend to Synod —

A. To encourage the work of this committee and to urge all Districts of Synod to cooperate in the expansion of the wholesome and valuable activities of said committee —

B. By the appointment of subsidiary District press committees, authorized in the synodical resolutions of 1926, and also to endorse and recommend the request of the committee for the —

C. Cooperation of all official boards of Synod regularly to transmit pertinent information in matters of general church interest for press distribution.

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

2. We recommend to Synod to grant \$1,000 annually and to allow an emergency fund of an additional \$2,000 should the need arise before the next convention of Synod.

This request was *referred to the Fiscal Conference*.

Regarding *interviews during the convention*, Committee 23 brought in the following resolution: —

Resolved, That Synod go on record as disapproving any personal interviews with, or expressions of opinion by any individual to, the representatives of the secular press, and that it is the wish of Synod that all material for the press be handled by the Press Committee exclusively.

This was *adopted* by Synod.

Report on Station KFUD.

(Memorial 702.)

The members of the KFUD Radio Committee, which consists of representatives of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, into whose hands Synod has placed the control of the station, and of representatives of the L. L. L., which assumed the maintenance of the station, are as follows: Prof. J. H. C. Fritz, D. D.; Prof. W. A. Maier, Ph. D.; Rev. L. J. Sieck; Messrs. A. G. Brauer, J. H. Kuechenmeister, Theo. Maetten, B. A. Schieferdecker, Henry Schulz (chairman), and L. F. Volkman.

While our equipment was modernized by the installation of a Western Electric Crystal Modulation Panel in March, 1931, at a cost of \$7,000, our frequency has remained the same during the last three years, also our power, 1,000 watts during the day, 500 watts at night. At a hearing before the Federal Radio Commission at Washington, D. C., on April 29, 1931, we petitioned the Commission for authorization of general use of full power; but the Federal body denied our petition on the ground that general use of full power would cause

undue interference with the programs of stations broadcasting on the same and adjacent wave lengths.

Since the L. L. L. could not supply all the necessary funds for the maintenance of KFUD, we were obliged to request the congregations of three synodical Districts (Western, Southern Illinois, and Central Illinois) to render regular financial assistance. The St. Louis Lutheran Publicity Organization also grants us an annual subsidy. We are very grateful to the organizations and congregations and to the many individuals who have helped to support the blessed work of the Gospel Voice through the seven and a half years of its existence.

During 1930 the Radio Committee gave impetus to the inauguration of the Lutheran Hour by the L. L. L. After a careful investigation we recommended a National Lutheran chain broadcast to the Board of Governors of the L. L. L., who, in turn, recommended the undertaking to the L. L. L. convention at Chicago in May, 1930, which received it with enthusiasm. The Lutheran Hour was the most far-reaching missionary endeavor which our Church has ever undertaken, for millions heard the pure Gospel whom we could reach in no other way.

Like the Lutheran Hour, KFUD, too, is a missionary endeavor. It was not erected principally for members of our Church, but for the unchurched, and since its beginning in 1924 it has proved to be a splendid missionary agency. It has induced unchurched persons to attend and to join our churches as communicant and voting members; it has persuaded parents to have their children baptized and enrolled in our Christian day-schools; it has paved the way for our missionaries and has helped them to organize and build up congregations, etc. Just one concrete example to prove that KFUD really serves as a missionary agency: "Many of our neighbors are listening in, and some even go with us to our church now and are going to be confirmed in our church on Palm Sunday, and they had their two little children baptized three weeks ago. Now we see what the little Gospel Voice does — big things."

If you cannot get KFUD, remember that it is daily bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many unchurched persons and therefore continue to support it and to pray for it, as one of our friends wrote: "We cannot get KFUD, but are very happy because of the blessing it is to others. May God continue to bless your efforts!"

We are thankful to the gracious Lord for establishing the work of our hands at KFUD, and we pray that He may continue to bless our work, so that our radio ministry may always exalt our living reascended Lord, who has given His Church the glorious command: "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN,
Director of Radio Station KFUD.

Report of *Committee 23*: —

1. The effective missionary value of the broadcasting work of our Station KFUE having been proved by evident results prompts your Committee to request Synod —

A. To encourage the continuance of this agency of the Gospel, and it urgently requests Synod —

B. To endorse the effort of the KFUE Committee to petition the Federal Radio Commission again to grant KFUE its full sending power for the after-sunset hours and also to eliminate the interference caused by the Cincinnati Station WKRC.

2. Your Committee would also take this opportunity to recommend to Synod to express our heartiest thanks to KFUE, the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Walther League, etc., for the inauguration of the valuable Lutheran Hour broadcasts during the season 1931—32.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

**Resolution Covering the Legality of Business
Executed by the Board of Directors on Behalf
of Synod.**

(Submitted by Committee 24.)

Synod has repeatedly authorized, directed, and empowered the Board of Directors to execute various resolutions. In a number of instances this involves legal considerations. In order, now, that all legal difficulties may be avoided, your Committee respectfully submits for Synod's adoption the following resolutions: The first one applies to the work of the Board of Directors during the last triennium: —

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, in convention assembled at River Forest, Illinois, in the year 1929, did adopt and accept various and sundry resolutions directing, authorizing, and empowering the Board of Directors of said Synod to carry into effect said resolutions; therefore be it

Resolved, That said Synod, in convention assembled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the year 1932, does hereby accept, approve, ratify, and confirm each and every act, thing, or action done or intended to be done pursuant to said resolutions.

The second resolution refers to the work delegated to the Board of Directors for the next triennium: —

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, in regular convention assembled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the year 1932, did accept and adopt various and sundry resolutions authorizing, directing, and empowering the Board of Directors of said Synod to execute and do certain things pursuant to said resolutions; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors is hereby given full power and authority to do each and everything necessary and required to be done or intended to be done pursuant to said resolutions accepted and adopted.

Both these resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Housing of Synod.

(Overture of the South Wisconsin District — Memorial 704.)

Resolved, That the South Wisconsin District memorialize the General Body with the recommendation that in the future the financing of all synodical conventions of the General Body be borne by Synod at large." (Report of South Wis. Dist., 1931, p. 83.)

HENRY GRUEBER, *President*.

R. SCHROTH, *Secretary*.

Concerning the same matter the Eastern District brought in the following resolution: —

WHEREAS, The Housing Committee of Synod suggests —

1. That Synod bear half of the expense of a convention;
2. That Synod's part of the expenses be raised by a levy at the rate of 1½ cents per communicant member, each District to decide how it will raise its proportionate share and the District Treasurer to remit the share of his District not later than March 15 prior to the convention;
3. That the entertaining congregations be exempt from this levy; therefore be it

Resolved, —

1. That we assent to the suggestions of Synod's Housing Committee;
2. That our share of the 1932 convention expenses be charged against our District Meal Fund.

(*Proceedings*, 1931, p. 101.)

JULIUS M. WALKER, *Secretary*.

Milwaukee Plan as Endorsed by Western District.

(Memorial 703.)

Resolved, —

A.

1. That Synod at large bear half of the expense — approximately \$7,000 — and that the entertaining congregations bear the other half;
2. That Synod's part of the expense be raised by a levy at the rate of 1½ cents per communicant member, which sum is to be collected through the budget and taken from the District Treasury,

congregations not using the budget to be billed at the above rate by the District Treasurer;

3. That the entertaining congregations, in view of the fact that they are bearing the largest part of the burden, be exempt from the 1½-cent levy per communicant member.

Resolved, —

B.

1. That a standing Committee for Stewardship Education in our District be created, which shall supply to the pastors, teachers, and leaders of various organizations within the congregation suitable outlines and material for such systematic education in Christian stewardship and wherever possible offer assistance in organizing, unifying, and directing the stewardship educational activities of our congregations;

2. That this standing committee consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Circuit Visitors of the District and that it appoint an executive committee of at least three men who shall carry out the plan of action adopted by the committee;

3. That the Western District memorialize the forthcoming general convention of our Synod to the effect that the Synodical Board of Christian Education together with the Synodical Fiscal Office be instructed to initiate a movement for systematized and sustained stewardship education throughout our Synod and to furnish the necessary material for this educational undertaking.

RICH. KRETZSCHMAR, *President.*

J. OPPLIGER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee: —

Your *Committee 24*, after careful consideration of all the overtures bearing on the question of the housing of Synod, begs leave to submit the following recommendations: —

That Synod for the present continue the so-called Milwaukee Plan of Housing, which involves the following: —

1. That Synod bear at least one half of the expenses of housing — about seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) — and that the entertaining congregations bear the remainder;

2. That Synod's part of the expenses be raised by a levy of one and a half cent per communicant member, each District to decide how it will raise its proportionate share, and that the District Treasurer shall remit the share of his District not later than March 15 before the convention;

3. That the congregations entertaining the convention be exempt from this levy.

Synod *adopted* these recommendations.

A Lutheran Exhibit at the Chicago "Century of Progress."

(Memorial 705.)

The Lutheran Committee for the Chicago "Century of Progress," appointed by the Joint Pastoral Conference of Chicago, begs leave to petition Synod as follows:—

WHEREAS, All Christians are commissioned by our Lord and Savior to preach the Gospel to every creature and to teach all nations; and

WHEREAS, It is a special grace of our kind and loving God that our Evangelical Lutheran Missouri Synod still retains the Gospel of Christ Jesus in all its truth and purity; and

WHEREAS, Our beloved Synod has enjoyed the visible proof of divine blessing particularly during the past century; and

WHEREAS, We have a rare opportunity through the "Century of Progress," which will be held at Chicago in 1933, to exhibit to the whole world this visible proof of divine blessing, such an act on our part being a sincere token of joyous thanksgiving unto the Lord and a priceless encouragement to our Lutheran Church for the future; and

WHEREAS, the city of Chicago is of great historical importance in the development of our Lutheran Church, our fathers having founded our Synod here almost a century ago; and

WHEREAS, It is contemplated to devote the sum of twenty thousand dollars to a Lutheran exhibit, a Luther Day celebration, and other Lutheran features in connection with the Chicago "Century of Progress," a program which will not be elaborate in any sense, but will merely do justice to the cause of our Synod; and

WHEREAS, It is planned that one half of this sum be obtained through the efforts of our fellow-Lutherans in Chicago and vicinity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we petition Synod to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars to help make possible such a Lutheran exhibit and demonstration at the Chicago "Century of Progress" in 1933.

THE LUTHERAN COMMITTEE FOR THE "CENTURY OF PROGRESS."

HENRY KOWERT, *Chairman*.

ERWIN UMBACH, *Secretary*.

Endorsed by the English Pastoral Conference of Chicago; W. Baumgaertner, Secretary.

Endorsed by the Pastoral Conference of the Northern Illinois District; A. H. Lange, Secretary.

Resolutions submitted by *Committee 24*:—

WHEREAS, It is desirable that Synod be represented in the Century of Progress Exposition to be held in Chicago in 1933;

WHEREAS, However, it is not possible to include a \$10,000 appro-

priation for such an exhibition in the budget of Synod at this time; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod commend the initiative of the brethren in Chicago in the preliminary work they have done relative to Synod's participation in the religious exhibit of the Century of Progress Exposition; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod accord the Chicago brethren the privilege of a private solicitation of funds among individuals and congregations of Synod to help defray the expenses of the aforementioned Lutheran exhibit; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod suggest to the Chicago brethren to make use of the services of the Synodical Press Committee in order to make the most of the missionary possibilities this exposition may afford; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod ask any boards or committees of Synod which may be called upon to lend their services in the effort to make this exhibit a success.

These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Resolutions of Thanks and Appreciation.

(Submitted by Committee 24.)

Your Committee recommends that Synod express its appreciation and sincere gratitude to the following:—

a. To Dr. Wm. Dallmann, who in his official capacity as Vice-President placed his admirable talents in the service of Synod and served it with a high measure of self-sacrificing devotion;

b. To all retiring members of boards and committees who during the last triennium gave so generously of their time and talents to Synod's cause;

c. To the congregations in Milwaukee, their faculty, board, and students of Concordia College, and the many committees and individuals who under the able leadership of Pastors F. F. Selle, F. C. Giese, and Director G. Chr. Barth so efficiently provided for the housing of this convention;

d. To the various ladies' aid societies for the excellent service given their synodical guests in the kitchen and dining-hall;

e. To the esteemed essayists, the venerable Dr. L. Fuerbringer and Dr. J. H. C. Fritz, for their timely and highly instructive papers;

f. To the organizations and individuals who with their musical selections added pleasure to the convention;

g. To the daily papers, with certain exceptions, for the space given to the proceedings of the convention as well as to the Press Committee

and the editors of the *Lutheran Witness*; also to the stenographers and typists for faithful services rendered;

h. To the city of Milwaukee;

i. To Radio Station WJTM.

These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Daily Minutes and Synodical Proceedings.

The following plan was submitted by the Secretary and adopted by the convention:—

1. Short daily minutes are to be read in English and German to keep the delegates in touch with the business transacted.

2. The synodical proceedings are to be printed in English, since a separate German edition is evidently not required, only about thirty German *Synodalberichte* having been sold in 1929. If, however, the official committee report on the floor of the convention and therefore also the synodical resolution was drawn up in German, the German version besides the English will be given in the *Proceedings*.

3. For our German readers the report in the *Lutheraner* will take the place of a separate German edition of the *Proceedings*, although unofficially.

Excuse Cards.

Report of *Committee 25*:—

Since your Committee on Excuses found it quite difficult in many cases to classify properly the parties who wished to be excused, your Committee recommends:—

1. That in the future the excuse cards provide space for the full address of the party desiring to be excused;

2. That space be provided where the party desiring to be excused is to indicate whether he is a voting pastor or a lay delegate, an advisory pastor or a teacher, and also which synodical District he represents.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

Invitations Regarding the Next Convention of Synod in 1935.

Recommendations of *Committee 24*:—

WHEREAS, Two invitations for the next Delegate Synod have been received, one from Cleveland, Ohio, and the other from Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The congregations in Detroit have in recent times repeatedly shown their hospitality to Synod; and

WHEREAS, This opportunity has not been accorded the congregations in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, The congregations in Cleveland feel assured of their ability to accommodate the general convention in a suitable manner; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod gratefully accept the invitation of the Cleveland churches and agree to hold its 36th general convention in Cleveland in 1935; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That Synod express its grateful appreciation for the gracious invitation of the hospitable brethren in Detroit.

These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Appeals.

Report of *Committee 22 A*: —

Your Committee, having been instructed to consider unprinted Overtures 59, 83, and 97, herewith submits its report.

I.

Unpublished Overture 59, dealing with the case of *Mr. E. F. A. Riess*.

On the basis of the evidence presented, both documentary and oral, your Committee finds —

a. That *Mr. Riess* is not entitled to receive aid from the Board of Support. The regulations governing the action of that Board definitely state that no support is to be granted to “those who, although incapacitated for their profession, are able, and have an opportunity, to support themselves by doing other work”;

b. That as to his fitness for the ministry no evidence has been submitted to show that the ruling of the College of Presidents and of Committee 18 of the Delegate Synod, 1929, should be reversed.

c. As to his suspension from Holy Communion, *Mr. Riess* has not yet appealed to the Southern California District, and therefore the case does not properly come before this convention.

II.

Unpublished Overture 83, dealing with the case of *Mr. H. H. W. Rosebrock*.

On the basis of his own overture your Committee finds that the action of the South Dakota District endorsing the excommunication of *Mr. Rosebrock* was fully warranted.

III.

Unpublished Overture 97, dealing with the case of *Rev. J. A. Duchow*.

Your Committee has reexamined the evidence in this case and recommends to Synod that it abide by the findings of Committee 21 C of 1929, reading as follows: —

Resolved, That Synod express itself as being in agreement with the resolutions adopted by the Oregon and Washington District in June, 1928, which declare:—

“We sever our fraternal relation with Rev. J. A. Duchow in view of his unscriptural stand regarding excommunication as set forth in Matt. 18 and his reprehensible activities in the Grace matter.”

W. H. KRUSE.	C. J. SCHEPLER.
J. H. GERDES.	LOUIS WEGMANN.
JOHN SCHAFFER.	

The report of this committee was *adopted* by Synod.

Report of *Committee 22 B*:—

Three appeals were referred to this committee.

I.

The former teacher of St. Andrew's Church in Park Ridge, Illinois, requests a complete investigation of his case. A fiduciary committee investigated the matter in 1930. The teacher appealed to the Northern Illinois District. The latter appointed a committee in October, 1931, which committee is to report at the next District meeting, and at that time the District intends to take action.

Since this District meeting has not yet taken place, and since therefore the District has not yet taken action, it is our opinion that the present appeal is premature, and we recommend that this be Synod's answer.

II.

“Dreieinigkei” Congregation of Crete, Illinois, has had a controversy for about twenty years with the neighboring Zion Congregation, which is not a member of any synod, whose pastor, however, is a member of the Wisconsin Synod. The Synodical Conference appointed a committee to act in the matter. This committee has not yet reported to the Synodical Conference, but is ready to report that it has not been successful.

We recommend that Synod pass a resolution in something like the following form:—

Synod recognizes that constitutional provisions prevent a decision at the present time since the Synodical Conference, before which the matter lies, must first act.

III.

St. Andrew's Church in Park Ridge, Illinois, Northern Illinois District, complains about the manner in which Redeemer Church, a mission of the English District, got to be organized. These grievances have been investigated by officers of Synod and other men appointed

for that purpose. Against their findings the congregation lodged an appeal with the President of Synod. The President presided at an additional meeting and, after announcing the correct principles for such cases, upheld the decision of the first commission.

We recommend that Synod concur in the decision of the President.

R. W. HUEBSCH. Wm. C. KRAHN.

H. W. OSIECK. R. W. HEINTZE.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Report of *Committee 22 C*:—

I.

WHEREAS, The charges preferred by several *members of the Highland Park Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California*, against a Visitor and a pastor of the English District have not yet been presented to the English District; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod decline to entertain this appeal and herewith refer the appellants to their own District.

II.

WHEREAS, The appeal of *four former officers of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Fort Wayne, Indiana*, from an action of their congregation has not yet been acted upon by the English District; but

WHEREAS, Your Committee is convinced that the situation is critical and requires speedy adjudication; therefore be it

Resolved, First, that Synod declare that it cannot entertain this appeal and herewith refers the appellants to their own District;

Secondly, that Synod advise the appellants that they have the privilege of placing their case into the hands of a confidential committee (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 28);

Thirdly, that Synod herewith instruct its Secretary to notify the appellants of these resolutions at once.

III.

WHEREAS, The action of Mount Calvary Church, St. Louis, Missouri, in the case of *Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe* has been sustained by the English District and by Synod; and

WHEREAS, *Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe*, Herbert G. F. Lampe, and William H. Lampe have again appealed the case to the Synod; and

WHEREAS, Your Committee cannot render a positive opinion in this case, owing to the absence of important documents and witnesses; therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of Synod be, and hereby is, instructed to appoint a committee to assist the appellants in bringing this matter to a conclusion.

IV.

Mr. H. F. Pieper of Edwardsville, Illinois, in whose case Synod has acted in former conventions, has addressed a communication to this convention. Your Committee finds nothing in this communication that requires the attention of this body.

E. J. FRIEDRICH. HUGO OEHLERT.
RUDOLPH MAURER. E. E. SITZ.
F. W. JANZOW.

Synod *adopted* this report.

**Appeal of St. Paul's Congregation at Baltimore
and Rev. H. Guckenberger.**

Report of the committee:—

To the Hon. Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States,
assembled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1932.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

At its last convention in River Forest, Illinois, 1929, you elected the undersigned to serve as a committee which was to investigate and bring to a conclusion a matter concerning which an appeal had been made to said convention by St. Paul's Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, and by Rev. H. Guckenberger of the same city. See *Proceedings* of the thirty-fourth regular convention at River Forest, Illinois, page 198.

With thanks to God, who has crowned the efforts of your Committee with success, we can report that the matter has been brought to a conclusion.

Respectfully submitted by your Committee:

PROF. ED. KOEHLER.
REV. F. A. HERTWIG.
REV. THEO. SCHURDEL.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

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1. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of — Dollars (\$—).

NOTE. — By changing the name of the beneficiary these forms may be used for bequests to a District of Synod, to any one of its institutions, or to a congregation. Forms 1, 3, and 4 are for bequests of a sum of money, forms 2 and 5 for bequests of real estate.

2. I give and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (Here name and specify property to be transferred to Synod).

3. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of — Dollars (\$—), to be disbursed for the benefit of (here name object), or for some other purpose to be determined by said Synod.

4. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of — Dollars (\$—), to be invested, and the proceeds of such investment to be disbursed, for the benefit of (here name object), or for some other purpose or purposes determined by said Synod.

5. I give, bequeath, and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be conveyed to Synod), such property to be disposed of by said Synod, or in any manner utilized, for (here name object), or for some other use determined by said Synod.

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